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PAKISTANI AHMADIS LEFT VOICELESS IN FACE OF GROWING PERSECUTION



AHMADIS ARE FORCED
TO DECLARE NON-
MUSLIM STATUS



AHMADIYYA MOSQUE
PARTIALLY DEMOLISHED
BY ADMINISTRATION



AHMADIS NOT EVEN 2ND
CLASS CITIZENS IN
PAKISTAN



TRANSLATION:

HERE EVERY KIND OF BUSINESS WITH THE ENEMIES OF ALLAH, THE HOLY PROPHET (P B U H), AND THE COMPANIONS OF THE HOLY PROPHET (P B U H), AND THE WORST KIND OF INFIDELS ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH THE **"QADIANIS AND THE SHIAS"**. NO KIND OF BUSINESS IS DONE WITH THEM. THEREFORE, DO NOT WASTE YOUR ENERGY.

REGARDS

**NOMAN HARDWARE PAINTS AND SANITARY STORE,
MUHABBATABAD RAILWAY CROSSING MARDAN.**





TRANSLATION:

BEWARE!!!

NOWADAYS SOME FAMOUS NEWSPAPERS ARE PUBLISHING THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A BEVERAGE NAMED SAMARQAND. THIS BEVERAGE BELONGS TO A QADIANI COMPANY (SHEZAN). DO NOT BUY IT, BECAUSE THE BOYCOTT OF QADIANIAT IS THE FIRST PROOF OF THE LOVE WITH THE HOLY PROPHET (P B U H). PLEASE SHARE THIS PHOTO AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.



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MEMBERS OF AN EXTREMIST RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION PROTESTING WITH A ALLEGATIONS THAT QADIANI (AHMADIS) ARE MANIPULATING SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS SYSTEMS IN PAKISTAN



PAKISTANI HARDLINERS CALL FOR ASAI BIBI'S EXECUTION



**PICTURE OF ASIA BIBI STEPPED-ON
(AFTER BEING CLEARED OF BLASPHEMY)**

1 - AHMADIS ARE FORCED TO DECLARE NON-MUSLIM STATUS

December 2018: National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) has implemented a policy after the decision of Justice Shaukat Saddiqi (now disgraced) in which he told the Government to ensure recording the religious identity of all applicants of CNICs. NADRA got this policy approved by the Federal Ministry of Interior.

According to this policy now there are two declarations, one for Muslims and other for non-Muslims. Previously there was only one declaration for Muslims in which all who declared themselves Muslims had to sign a declaration in which rebuttal of the founder of the Ahmadiyya community was essential. Now, one who opts not to sign the declaration for Muslims has to sign the affidavit in which he declares himself to be non-Muslim in addition to stating his faith or denomination. To state what an individual is not, is superfluous and bizarre. It is a malicious move to severely hurt Ahmadis.

This creates a major problem for Ahmadis who consider themselves to be Muslims but now have to declare themselves to be non-Muslims for obtaining or renewal of national identity card and other legal documents.

NADRA has introduced a clause no. 38 on Form for obtaining a CNIC; it requires certification:

“I declare on oath that I am not a Muslim and I belong to Qadiani/Ahmadi religion.”

SCREEN-SHOT OF ORIGINAL FORM:

1) A BLANK CNIC FORM FOR A MUSLIM, WITH AFFIDAVIT IN ENGLISH



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Test Token Two

National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis
National Database & Registration Authority
Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Interior

Islamabad-HQ

Token No: 4

Application Type:	Smart Nicop (New)	Priority:	Urgent
1 Name:	1		
2 New / Old Citizen number:	2		
3 Father's Name:	3		
4 Father's Citizen Number:	4		
5 Mother's Name:	5		
6 Mother's Citizen No:	6		
7 Spouse's Name:	7		
8 Spouse's Citizen No:	8		
9 Relation with Family Head:	9		
10 Family Head Citizen No:	10		
11 Guardian Name:	11		
12 Guardian Citizen Number:	12		
13 Present Address:	13		
14 Permanent Address:	14		
15 Identification Mark:	15		
16 Birth Place:	17 Birth Date:		
18 Country of Stay Abroad:	19 Purpose of Stay:		
20 Religion:	21 Gender:		
22 Profession:	23 Marital Status:		
24 Blood Group:	25 Qualification:		
26 Phone No:	27 Gratis Claim:		
28 E-mail:	29 AJK Resident:		
30 Mother Language:	31 Twin siblings:		
32 Applicant Origin:	33 Disability:		
34 Father Origin:	35 Mother Origin:		
36 Naturalized Pakistani:	37 Requested Services:		
38 Orphanage Name:			
39 Vote Registration:			

I confirm the geo coordinates of my present/permanent address. Present (,) Permanent ()

40 I, solemnly affirm that the information presented in the form above is correct according to the best of my knowledge. I am a citizen of Pakistan and haven't concealed any information. Warning: NADRA Ordinance 2000 section 30 declare provision of wrong information as Criminal Act which is liable to be imposed relevant penalty.	Applicant's Left Thumb	Applicant's Right Thumb	for office use only
			DEO's signature _____
			Office in Charge _____
41 Gazetted Officers, elected representatives, numberdar and blood/Immediate relative(s) may attest/verify the citizen. I, solemnly testify that the applicant is Pakistani citizen, and he is personally known to me, and the particulars there of are correct according to my knowledge.			
Attester's Name:			
Attester's Citizen Number:	Phone Number:	Attester's Signature and Date	Attester's Stamp
42 I declare and solemnly affirm that I believe in the absolute and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (peace be upon him), the last of the prophets, and I do not believe in, or recognize as a prophet or religious reformer, any person who claimed or claims to be a prophet, in any sense of the word or of any description whatsoever, after Muhammad (peace be upon him), nor do I belong to the Qadiani group or the Lahori group (who call themselves 'Ahmadis' or by any other name).			Applicant's Thumb or Signature

Note: Last date for form submission is 29-Mar-2018
After due date the application will be re-submitted with the fees.

Form Submission Date: _____

2) A BLANK CNIC FORM FOR A NON-MUSLIM, WITH RELIGION AFFIDAVIT IN ENGLISH (THIS ONE FOR A CHRISTIAN)



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National Identity Card for Overseas Pakistanis

National Database & Registration Authority
Government of Pakistan, Ministry of Interior

NRC NADRA HQ

Token No : 4



Application Type:	Smart Nicop (New)	Priority:	Executive
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1 Name:	پورا نام :
2 New / Old Citizen number:	پانانیا شائق کارڈ نمبر :
3 Father's Name:	والد کا نام :
4 Father's Citizen Number:	والد کا شائق کارڈ نمبر :
5 Mother's Name:	والدہ کا نام :
6 Mother's Citizen No:	والدہ کا شائق کارڈ نمبر :
7 Spouse's Name :	زوج کا نام :
8 Spouse's Citizen No:	زوج کا شائق کارڈ نمبر :
9 Relation with Family Head:	سربراہ سے رشتہ :
10 Family Head Citizen No :	سربراہ کا شائق کارڈ نمبر :
11 Guardian Name:	سرپرست کا نام :
12 Guardian Citizen Number:	سرپرست کا شائق کارڈ نمبر :
13 Present Address:	موجودہ پتہ :
14 Permanent Address:	مستقل پتہ :
15 Identification Mark:	ظاہر و شائق طاعت :
16 Birth Place:	17 Birth Date:
18 Country of Stay Abroad:	19 Purpose of Stay:
20 Religion: Christianity	21 Gender:
22 Profession:	23 Marital Status:
24 Blood Group:	25 Qualification
26 Phone No:	27 Gratis Claim:
28 E-mail:	29 AJK Resident:
30 Mother Language:	31 Twin siblings:
32 Applicant Origin:	33 Disability:
34 Father Origin:	35 Mother Origin:
36 Naturalized Pakistani:	37 Requested Services:
38 Orphanage Name:	
39 Vote Registration:	Election commission will register your vote according to your selected present/temporary address after completing all legal requirements.

40 I, solemnly affirm that the information presented in the form above is correct according to the best of my knowledge. I am a citizen of Pakistan and haven't concealed any information. Warning: NADRA Ordinance 2000 section 30 declare provision of wrong information as Criminal Act which is liable to be imposed relevant penalty.	for office use only
Applicant's Left Thumb	Applicant's Right Thumb
DEO's signature	
Office In Charge	

41 Gazetted Officers, elected representatives, numberdar and blood/immediate relative(s) may attest/verify the citizen.

I, solemnly testify that the applicant is Pakistani citizen, and he is personally known to me, and the particulars there of are correct according to my knowledge.

Attester's Name :

Attester's Citizen Number

Phone Number

Attester's Signature and Date

Attester's Stamp

42 I hereby declare on Oath that, I am not Muslim and belongs to Christianity Religion

Applicant's Thumb or Signature

Note: Last date for form submission is 04-Dec-2019

After due date the application will be re-submitted with the fees

Form Submission Date:



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3) TWO AFFIDAVITS (ONE FOR MUSLIMS, AND ONE FOR NON-MUSLIMS, IN ENGLISH WITH STANDARD WORDING, FOR DIFFERENT PURPOSES)

Affidavits regarding faith, introduced by NADRA

For Muslims:

Affidavit

I Name, Designation CNIC No.
..... And ERP# do hereby solemnly affirm and
declare on oath;

That I am a Muslim and believe in the unity and oneness of Almighty Allah, in the absolute
and unqualified finality of the Prophethood of Muhammad (Peace be upon Him) the last of
the Prophets and do not believe in, or recognize as Prophet or religious reformer, any person
who claimed or claims to be a Prophet, in any sense of the word or of any description
whatsoever after Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him)

Deponent

Date:

For non-Muslims:

Affidavit

I Name, Designation CNIC No.
..... And ERP# do hereby affirm and declare on
oath;

That I am a non-Muslim and belong to (Christianity, Hinduism, Sikhism,
Buddhist, Parsi, Qadiani Group, Lahori Group, Ahmadi, Bahai or belong to scheduled castes)

Deponent

Date:

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4) A FULL FILLED-IN FORM OF AN AHMADI WITH AFFIDAVIT IN URDU





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حکومت پاکستان، وزارت داخلہ
نیشنل ڈینا، میس اینڈ رجسٹریشن اتھارٹی
کمپیوٹر انتر ڈیوٹی شناختی کارڈ فارم

Token No 95

NSC Blue Area ISB

Application Type: Smart CNIC (New) ✓ Executive ✓

1. Name: ✓

2. New / Old Citizen Number: ✓

3. Father's Name: ✓

4. Father's Citizen Number: ✓

5. Mother's Name: ✓

6. Mother's Citizen No: ✓

7. Spouse's Name: ✓

8. Spouse's Citizen No: ✓

9. Relation with Family Head: Child ✓

10. Family Head Citizen No: ✓

11. Guardian Name: ✓

12. Guardian Citizen Number: ✓

13. Present Address: ✓

14. Permanent Address: ✓

15. Identification Mark: nil

16. Birth Place: Islamabad ✓

17. Birth Date: 1992-12-10 ✓

18. Country of Stay: ✓

19. Gender: ✓

20. Religion: ✓ Ahmadiya ✓

21. Disability: No

22. Profession: Student ✓

23. Marital Status: Un-married

24. Blood Group: None

25. Qualification: Higher Secondary / A Level (Accounting/Commerce)

26. Phone No: ✓

27. Grievs Claim: None

28. E-mail: ✓

29. AUK Resident: None

30. Mother Language: Punjabi ✓

31. Twin siblings: No

32. Orphanage Name: ✓

33. Requested Services: sms alert ✓

34. Naturalized Pakistani: ✓

35. Vote Registration: ✓

36. Signature: ✓

37. Stamp: ✓

38. Date: 18-Dec-2019

39. Officer: ✓

40. Remarks: ✓



INCIDENT REPORT PAKISTAN

NATIONAL IDENTITY CARDS TARGET AHMADIS

The IHRC has recently received information that the Government of Pakistan has implemented a new policy targeting Ahmadis when it comes to applying for the National Identity Card (NIC). In Pakistan every citizen applying for a NIC must declare his or her faith. If a person wishes to declare himself a Muslim, he or she must sign a declaration titled 'Declaration in the case of Muslims'. The only other option left now is to sign the declaration for non-Muslims. This is a new declaration designed to target Ahmadis. Under this declaration, every Ahmadi must declare that he/she is a non-Muslim. The exact wording is:

“I declare on oath that I am not a Muslim and I belong to Qadiani/Ahmadi religion.”

Previously there was another option for Ahmadis which did not require them to sign this declaration. However, the recent change introduced means they can no longer do this. They either now have to sign the 'Declaration in the case of Muslims' or sign another declaration confirming they are Ahmadis and not Muslims. As Ahmadis consider themselves to be Muslims, they cannot sign either of these declarations creating an impossible situation for them. The importance of the NIC should not be underestimated as it is a necessity for basic day to day activities of a citizen such as applying for a driving license, applying for a bank, jobs, medical requirements and entry into educational institutions.

After the recent decision in the Asia Bibi Case, it appeared that the Government of Pakistan was taking a turn for the better and protecting the rights of all its citizens, including minorities so that all citizens could live in peace and harmony as per the vision of the Founding Father of Pakistan. Yet again, we have seen that this government does not live up to its words with actions as the situation for Ahmadis remains the same - in fact is worsening. This latest action is further evidence of this. Not only is this in flagrant violation of Article 20 of UDHR but Article 20 of Pakistan's Constitution which guarantees freedom of religion.

Urgent action is required from all sections of the International community to ensure this declaration is withdrawn and to restore the civic rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan. It is indeed an act of humiliation for the Prime Minister of Pakistan who is holding the portfolio of the Ministry which has issued this policy. It is a glaring contradiction of his vows to protect freedom of religion and civic rights for all the citizens of Pakistan without discrimination. Pakistan finally needs to step up and ensure it protects all its citizens and not just a select few.

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AHMADIS WILL HAVE TO DECLARE THEMSELVES AS NON-MUSLIMS TO GET CNIC ACCORDING TO NEW NADRA POLICY

Naya Daur December 28, 2018

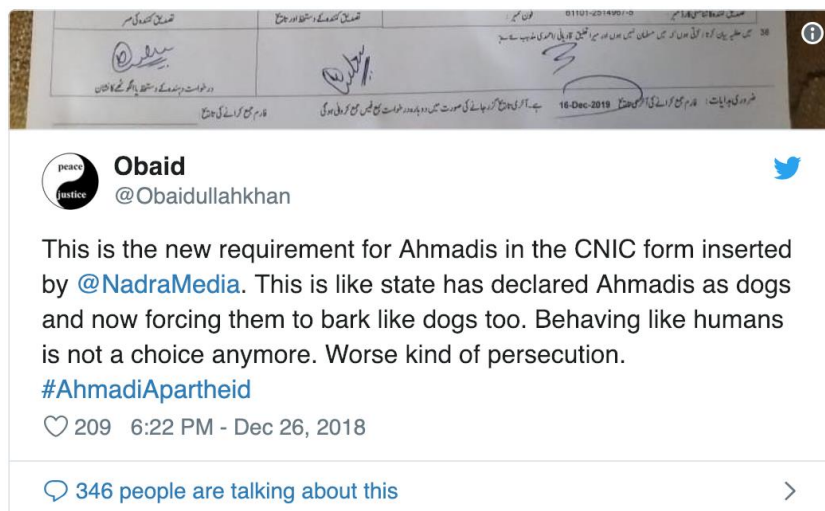


The National Database & Registration Authority (NADRA) has inserted a new requirement in CNIC application forms according to which Ahmadis will have to declare they are non-Muslims and sign the particular field.

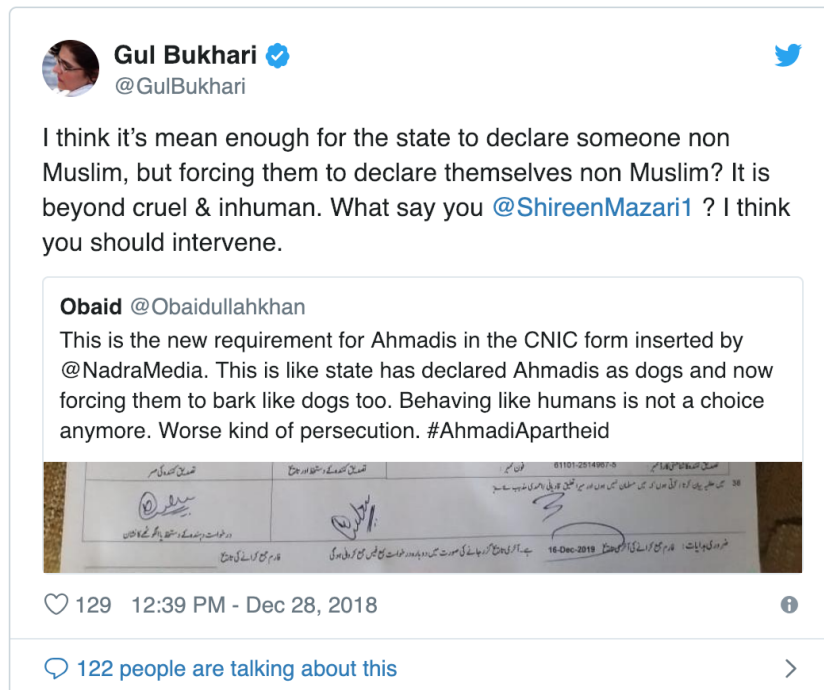
The section specified for the Ahmadi community says “I profess that I am not a Muslim, and I belong to the Qadiani/Ahmadi religion”.

This particular section of the application form has got people talking on social media. Most of the people are condemning NADRA’s move and are asking the government to take notice of the issue.

The image of the section was shared by Twitter user Obaidullah Khan



This led to various prominent journalists and activists to urge government representatives, including Human Rights Minister Shireen Mazari to intervene



Some people believe Prime Minister Imran Khan does not know about NADRA's plans and that he will never let such a thing happen



'Who cares what anyone believes? Just let people be. It is for the Almighty to Judge'

Kashif N Chaudhry @KashifMD · Dec 27, 2018
All people of conscience must condemn this.

1974: Pakistan denied Ahmadis right to self-identity
1984: Criminalized their religious freedom
2018: @NadraMedia takes it a notch further. Mandates Ahmadi Muslims declare disbelief in Islam. #AhmadiApartheid
twitter.com/Obaidullahkhan...

Nilofer Afridi Qazi @ninoqazi
What is the obsession to persecute @fawadchaudhry @ImranKhanPTI let them be. Who cares what anyone believes? Just let people be. It is for the almighty to Judge.

♡ 6 6:34 AM - Dec 28, 2018

[See Nilofer Afridi Qazi's other Tweets](#)

Here's an example of how some Pakistanis would not even get treatment in an 'Ahmadi' hospital

روزنامہ اوصاف، لاہور، بدھ 26 دسمبر 2018ء

چنیوٹ میں ختم نبوت ہسپتال کیلئے اراضی کے عطیہ کا اعلان

چوہدری خالد محمود کے فخریہ طور پر چنیوٹ فیصل آباد روڈ پر ملحقہ ایک ایکڑ اراضی کا اعلان کیا

چناب نگر (نمائندہ اوصاف) چنیوٹ میں ختم نبوت ہسپتال کے قیام کیلئے ایک ایکڑ اراضی کے عطیہ کا اعلان شہر کی معروف سماجی شخصیت چوہدری خالد چوہدری میڈیکل اسٹور والے نے ہمارے نمائندے سے گفتگو کرتے ہوئے کیا تفصیلات کے مطابق پرنٹ میڈیا ایسوسی ایشن کے ضلعی سرپرست خادم ختم نبوت صحافی شہزادہ محمد اکبر جو ایک عرصہ سے اس جستجو میں تھے کہ چنیوٹ میں ختم نبوت کے نام سے موسوم ایک مثالی ہسپتال قائم کیا جائے، تاکہ ہمارے مسلمانوں کو کسی بھی مجبوری کے تحت چناب نگر میں قادیانیوں کے ہسپتال میں نہ جانا پڑے اور گمراہ ہونے سے بچے رہیں، چنانچہ شہر کی معروف سماجی و کاروباری شخصیت چوہدری خالد

محمود نے فخریہ طور پر سچا عاشق رسول ہونے کا ثبوت دیتے ہوئے فصیح کلینک ڈاکٹر منصور علی خان، شیخ جہانگیر چنیوٹی، قاری محمد سلمان عثمانی کی موجودگی میں اعلان کیا، اور کہا کہ چنیوٹ فیصل آباد روڈ پر ملحقہ ایک ایکڑ اراضی والدین کے ایصال ثواب کیلئے اور سادہ لوح مسلمانوں کو کفر سے بچانے کیلئے عطیہ کرنے کا اعلان کرتا ہوں جس پر ڈاکٹر منصور علی خان، شیخ شہزادہ محمد اکبر، شیخ جہانگیر چنیوٹی نے اس پیشکش کا بھرپور خیر مقدم کیا تاہم یہ فیصلہ کیا گیا کہ مثالی ہسپتال قائم کیا جائے گا اس کی تعمیر میں خیر حضرات از خود حصہ لے کر اسے تعمیر کروائیں گے، کسی سے چندہ نہیں لیا جائے گا، چوہدری خالد سابق کمشنر ریڈ رسول حج چوہدری اللہ دتہ مرحوم کے بیٹے ہیں۔

Saleem ud Din @SaleemudDinAA
گمراہ ہونے کے لئے ہسپتال بھی بھلا کبھی کوئی گیا ہے؟؟

♡ 293 4:57 PM - Dec 27, 2018

244 people are talking about this

Here is journalist Nadeem Farooq Paracha asking some tough questions

Had we put as much effort, passion and thought in economic matters as we did (and still do) in making a community of people confess they were heretics, then today, we might have been right up there with all the Chinas, South Koreas and Singapores of the world.

— Nadeem Farooq Paracha (@NadeemfParacha) December 27, 2018

<https://www.nayadaur.tv/2018/12/ahmadis-will-have-to-declare-themselves-as-non-muslims-to-get-cnic-according-to-new-nadra-policy/>

Daily Times
Your right to know A new voice for a new Pakistan

OP-ED

JEWISH SUPPORTERS OF NAZISM

Yasser Latif Hamdani @theRealYLH

DECEMBER 31, 2018

Recently the Government of Pakistan under Herr Imran Khan through [NADRA](#) added a fresh new oath to the Computerised National Identity Card forms to ensure that no Ahmadi would ever register as a citizen in this country. Till now Ahmadis had been able to register as citizens of Ahmadi faith simply by refusing to sign the oath required for officially sanctioned Muslims. Now they are required to sign an affidavit saying that they consider themselves Non-Muslim as well.

This is a fresh new violation of Article 20 of the Constitution because the core belief of Ahmadi faith is that they consider themselves Muslims. While the state for the purposes of law and constitution considers them Non-Muslim, the state cannot force them to consider themselves non-Muslim. This is a violation of not just the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom but is a violation of all norms of decency and humanity. To think that the move comes days after Fuhrer Imran Khan promised to teach [Prime Minister Modi](#) how to treat minorities well.

Yet there are even Ahmadis who have decided to support this fascist government.

“ Pakistan now stands closer on the brink of genocide Ahmadis. We can reverse it. Ofcourse the establishment has its own Gorings and Goebbels or the equivalent of squeeler the pig from Animal Farm to make it more palatable to the world “



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History is full of strange ironies. *Verband national deutscher Juden* and *Der deutsche Vortrupp* were two Jewish groups in Nazi Germany who supported Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. One such Jew was Max Naumann who posited the idea of assimilation as an answer to anti-Semitism. After Adolf Hitler's election in 1933, Naumann issued the following statement: "We have always held the well-being of the German people and the fatherland, to which we feel inextricably linked, above our own well-being. Thus we greeted the results of January, 1933, even though it has brought hardship for us personally." This idea of a hapless minority trying to disarm the majority by submitting to their whims has never worked. One needs to stand up to fascism not endorse it on flimsy grounds. As it turned out a year later both these Jewish groups were disbanded by the Nazis and Max Naumann himself was thrown away in a dungeon. Maulana Mazhar Ali Azhar was the leader of the fascist anti-Ahmadi anti-Shia Majlis-e-Ahrar. He called Jinnah Kafir-e-Azam for marrying a Parsi, being a Shia and having Ahmadis in the Muslim League. Responding to the questions of the Munir-Kayani Commission in 1954 Azhar said that he was a Shia himself. Questioning the credentials of Max Naumann or Maulana Mazhar Ali Azhar can never be an attack on their identity or faith.

Pakistan now stands closer on the brink of genocide or even a holocaust of Ahmadis. Ofcourse the establishment has its own Gorings and Goebbels or the equivalent of squeeler the pig from Animal Farm to make it more palatable to the world. PR consultants have been invited from world over to give Pakistan's increasingly fascist tendencies and clamp down on religious minorities a palatable spin. In a recent tweet one such PR consultant justified the anti-Ahmadi sentiment in Pakistan by saying that it was the result of Ahmadis insisting that they are Muslims when their beliefs are contrary to core Islamic beliefs. All this is unfolding while politicians who once dared to question the permanent clamp down on freedom of speech are being packed off to jail on trumped up corruption charges. When it comes the Fuhrer and his coterie, including his sister, there is an exemption from corruption. To date no one has explained how the Fuhrer runs his personal 300 kanal residence, when he has no source of income. Compromised much Mr Prime Minister?

Then you have the boys in Khaki. Report positively they tell the media. Report positively on what? Is your patriotism limited to kissing up to powers that be? True patriotism is to speak truth to power. The founder of this country was fierce in his criticism of the British rulers and bureaucracy, refusing all rewards, titles, offers of judicial and gubernatorial appointments in exchange for pusillanimous surrender. Unlike Gandhi, Jinnah never recruited for the British Empire and never got the coveted Kaiser-e-Hind medal. He argued instead that if the British wanted Indians to fight their wars they would need to make them full officers. We who criticize the Khaki and the entrenched bureaucracy and deep state of the country are merely following the constitutional tradition of Mr. Jinnah. That you are even more intolerant than the British rulers of the subcontinent speaks volumes.

Pakistan cannot afford further descent into a hellhole of fascist control freakery. Give the people of Pakistan their rights. Keep the military away from politics. Stop persecuting minorities. And stop hiring PR Consultants who end up making you look bad. This is an advice from a patriot who wants Pakistan to succeed but who fears that you are treading the path that will call forth a flood and in that flood Pakistan's very existence would come under a question mark thanks to your idiocy and stupidity.

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Published in Daily Times, December 31st 2018.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/339132/jewish-supporters-of-nazism/>

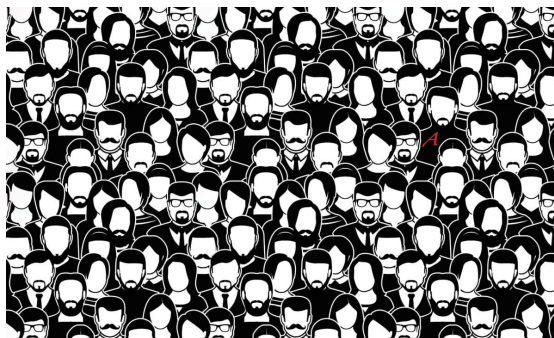


In Review

WHAT DRIVES CALLS FOR GIVING AHMADIS A DISTINCT IDENTITY

[Ali Usman Qasmi](#)

Updated Jan 16, 2019 07:16pm



Composition by Marium Ali

An electoral reform law containing provisions related to the holding of elections in Pakistan became a focus of controversy immediately after its passage with bipartisan approval in 2017. It changed the wording of an oath – from “I solemnly swear” to “I declare” – which all those contesting elections must take, affirming their faith in khatm-e-nabuwwat (the finality of the prophethood). Initially, the government insisted, and rightly so, that the amendment did not alter legal provisions that require Ahmadis – who are seen as having challenged that finality – to declare themselves as non-Muslims in order to contest elections on general seats. Later, under pressure from religious groups and news media, it backtracked and called the change ‘a clerical error’. The admission did not reduce the pressure on it but rather fueled suspicions that there were some sinister motives behind the change in wording. This gave some religious groups an opportunity to launch a movement against the government in November last year.

Amidst this brouhaha, a petition was filed by Maulana Allah Wasaya – head of the Aalimi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nubuwwat who is also known for his extreme anti-Ahmadi views – in the Islamabad High Court. He sought an inquiry to find out those who had made changes in the oath and he wanted them punished. Among other things, he also asked the court to create a database of Ahmadis living in Pakistan, especially those holding high-ranking offices in the bureaucracy.

The honourable judge who took up the petition appointed many religious scholars and jurists as amicus curiae (friends of the court) to assist him in the case. These included Mohammad Akram Sheikh, a senior Supreme Court lawyer, Dr Hafiz Hasan Madni, a teacher at the Institute of Islamic Studies at the Punjab University in Lahore, Dr Mohsin Naqvi, a former member of the Council of Islamic Ideology, Dr Sahibzada Sajidur Rehman, a serving member of the Council of Islamic Ideology, Mufti Muhammad Hussain Khalil Khel, a Karachi-based religious preacher, Dr Aslam Khaki, a Supreme Court lawyer, and Dr Babar Awan, a former federal law minister. None of them is an Ahmadi. The court, in fact, did not summon any Ahmadis to offer their perspective on the issues raised in the petition.

The judgment in Allah Wasaya versus Federation of Pakistan (Writ Petition 3862-2017), issued after multiple hearings, was replete with various popular charges against Ahmadis that have appeared in

innumerable polemical works and in many judicial verdicts as well — that they work against the interests of both the state of Pakistan and Islam. Without going into the details of the case, I am limiting myself to discussing the judge's suggestion that a special registration system be set up for Ahmadis.

Statistics provided by the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to the court during the proceedings showed that about 10,205 individuals had “converted” to Ahmadi faith in recent years. The honourable judge described their conversion as the “practice of religion-hopping which seems to have been resorted to by certain individuals to hoodwink authorities and avail the benefits of a religion they are not admittedly a part of”.

It should be noted that there is no law against apostasy in Pakistan. Similarly, there is no constitutional provision, whatsoever, that prevents Ahmadis or the member of any other religious minority from occupying ‘sensitive’ posts — such as those of federal secretaries, judges of high courts and the Supreme Court, and military commanders. Yet, the court urged the federal government to be vigilant so that no Ahmadis are appointed to these positions. For this purpose, as well as for the overall need to prevent the misuse of Muslim identity by Ahmadis, the learned judge proposed distinct names for Ahmadis so that they could be distinguished from everyone else. “Qadianis [as Ahmadis are derogatorily called] should not be allowed to conceal their identity by having similar names to those of Muslims, therefore, they should be either stopped from using name[s] of ordinary Muslims or in the alternative, Qadiani, Ghulam-e-Mirza or Mirzai must form a part of their names and be mentioned accordingly,” he noted. He also wrote that other religious minorities living in the country had “a separate identification in reference to their names and identity” except for Ahmadis who “do not hold a distinct identification due to their names and general attire, according to the Constitution”.

I will try to explain as to what kind of ‘crisis’ is generated by Ahmadis being indistinguishable. I will also look into the consequences of proposals floated and actual measures taken in the past to make Ahmadis a distinctly separate community.

Individuals can be identified as members of a certain group or community on the basis of, among many other things, the facial features they have, the clothes they wear and the religious/cultural symbols they use. In some instances, communities themselves opt for a certain outlook to mark themselves as different from others. There are traditions attributed to the Prophet of Islam (may peace be upon him) in which he is reported to have urged his followers to not follow non-Muslims in appearance and customs. When the members of early Sikh communities wanted to acquire a distinct identity, they considered it important to carry such symbols as daggers and bracelets to distinguish themselves from Muslims and Hindus.

But the same markers of distinction acquire a different significance altogether in the time of crisis and violence. In many cases, minority communities have attracted fatal attention for having distinct, identifiable features which are different from those of the majority around them. The gruesome Partition riots offer a well-known example of this. More recently, the anti-Sikh pogrom in Delhi in 1984 and the Muslim massacre in Indian Gujarat in 2002 show how external markers of identity facilitate the process of singling out targets for senseless outbursts of violence.

The case of Ahmadis, especially in Pakistan, poses an entirely different challenge. They themselves do not insist upon having their own markers of distinction even though it is true that, during the British period, they insisted on registering themselves separately from Sunni Muslims. At one stage, Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, son of Ahmadi community's founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, also disallowed Ahmadi women from marrying non-Ahmadi men. This, however, was hardly



different from similar edicts issued by the leaders of other groups organised around sectarian identities. So, what is unique about Ahmadis?



An Ahmadi prayer hall that was attacked by a mob on the second day of Eidul Azha this year in Faisalabad's Ghaseetpura area | Rizwan Safdar

Regardless of what the Constitution of Pakistan says about them, Ahmadis closely adhere to the Hanafi *fiqh* (school of religious jurisprudence). They also have names similar to those of Hanafi Sunnis and do not wear any garments that highlight their distinct religious identity. As Irfan Haider Abidi, a known Shia scholar, once rhetorically pointed out, both Ahmadis and Hanafi Sunnis have the same way of offering namaz and they also break their fasts at the same time. They, of course, have a fundamental doctrinal difference on the issue of *khatm-e-nabuwwat* – understood and interpreted differently by each of the two communities.

On the other hand, there are some 'visible' markers of identification for Shia Muslims. For instance, they offer namaz in a manner slightly different from the one followed by Sunnis and break their fasts 10 minutes after Sunnis do. Shias have other markers of identity as well. Even in the midst of sectarian violence, they make themselves visible by hoisting *alams* (standards) on their houses, displaying Ya Ali stickers on their cars and sporting steel bracelets. Even though these are not strictly Shia symbols and are widely used by Sunnis as well, these markers of identity have been exploited by Sunni militants to target and kill Shias in Pakistan.

Names have also been used as similar markers of sectarian identity — and often to deadly effect. In the gruesome killing that took place in Chilas in 2012, militants checked identity cards of passengers in a bus so they could distinguish between Sunni and Shia passengers. Those who had Shia sounding names were then separated and gunned down. Certain names — such as Omar and Ayesha — can similarly be indicators of a Sunni identity. In a wave of sectarian violence in Iraq that followed the American invasion of that country in the early 2000s, many Sunnis were identified on the basis of their names and killed.

It must be stated here that there is nothing scientific when it comes to identifying a person's religious persuasion on the basis of his or her name. In the 1990s, Sunni militants gunned down one Aftab Naqvi — an apolitical, literary figure — in Lahore because his name, due to its Naqvi suffix, suggested that he could be a Shia.

'Ali', 'Hasan', 'Hussain' and 'Fatima' are some of the most obvious name choices among Shias but it is ridiculous to assume that only Shias give these names to their children. The most prominent example in this regard is that of Ali Sher Haideri who was the Sindh chief of an anti-Shia party a few years ago. As per the data collected by NADRA and cited by Islamabad-based language scholar Tariq

Rehman, 'Ali' is the second most popular name – after 'Muhammad' as first name – for men in Pakistan. As is 'Fatima' for women.

In Jhang, the heartland of sectarian violence in Pakistan, Sunni militants seemed to be aware of this so they would ask 'suspected' Shias to take off their shirts to find out scars left by self-flagellation that Shias do as part of their annual mourning in the month of Muharram. Even this is not a sure sign of identification as self-flagellation is done by many non-Shias as well. I know at least one Punjabi Catholic – and there are hundreds of others like him – who would do self-flagellation using small daggers tied to chains during Muharram.

Still, the point is that there are many visible and external markers that can make Shias more identifiable than Ahmadis. The similarities in names, rituals and the use of religious symbols that exist in Pakistan between Hanafi Sunnis and Ahmadis are, indeed, unique. They do not exist between Pakistani Muslims and Pakistani Hindus or between Pakistani Muslims and Pakistani Christians to the same extent. Unlike in India where mutual borrowing in terms of names may not be an abnormal occurrence (for example, Kabir could be a Hindu name as much as a Muslim one), the same does not happen – at least at the same scale – in Pakistan. Even the use of certain religious symbols is strictly specific to certain communities in our country. If a person is wearing a cross, he/she will be a Christian or at least will be assumed to be a Christian.

Despite this relative clarity in boundaries between Muslims and non-Muslims, there was a demand from religious groups in the 1990s to include religion in identity cards. The same demand for passports had been made earlier and accepted. The argument in its favour was that the mention of religion in passports would help ensure that only Muslims travelled to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage since Makkah and Madinah, by religious injunction, are off-limits for non-Muslims. Without religion being mentioned on passports, it was suspected that Ahmadis – constitutionally declared as non-Muslims in Pakistan – would also be able to go to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage. Those who had made the demand were oblivious to the fact that no such information is provided in travel documents of pilgrims visiting Makkah and Madinah from most other countries. So, Ahmadis residing outside Pakistan are still able to perform umrah or hajj on passports of those other countries.

The demand for mentioning religion on identity cards was made for no such practical purposes so it was vociferously opposed both by minority Muslim sects and non-Muslim Pakistanis. It was in this context that Abidi made his speech quoted earlier. Like others opposing the demand, he feared that, in the presence of visible distinctions between Muslims and non-Muslims, the mention of religion in identity cards could well set the ground for subsequent mentioning of sectarian identities in those cards.

This is not to say that the state was not identifying Muslims by their sects already. This was happening in many cases, at least informally. For instance, information about sectarian association was being ascertained in background checks carried out for those appearing in civil service exams or those who wanted to become commissioned officers in the military. Formally, however, a decision was taken in Pakistan's first post-independence census in 1951 to not ask people about their sects and this has stayed the same since then.

Despite some shared cultural as well as religious practices, the dissimilarities that Pakistani Sunni Muslims have vis-à-vis Shias, Christians and Hindus in the country enable the recognition of differences between them even if it is not always enforced. This is not the case with reference to Ahmadis though.

Talking about the increasing agreement on doctrinal issues between Sunnis and Shias during the 1980s, Dr Faisal Devji, a professor of Indian history at Oxford University, argued that it is sameness



rather than difference between religious groups that posed a threat to communitarian boundaries. Applied to Ahmadis, this argument helps explain the Hanafi Sunni anxiety about Ahmadis hiding their faith, dissimulating their 'real' identity and operating secretly as Muslims. This anxiety made it important for Hanafi Sunnis to ask for legal and administrative measures – including putting down religion in identity cards – so that an Ahmadi could be 'recognised'.

The Constitution and the law, at least initially, provided for no distinction between Pakistan's Muslim and non-Muslim citizens. Even after the passage of the second constitutional amendment in 1974 – which declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims – there was nothing much on the statute books that identified citizens by their religion except for the constitutional provision that the president and the prime minister must be Muslims.



A policeman guards an Ahmadi prayer hall in Rabwah | M Arif, White Star

In such a legal environment where citizens, at least theoretically, enjoyed almost equal rights regardless of their religious identities, it was absurd to make a claim that Ahmadis, by identifying themselves as Muslims, were infringing the rights of Muslims. Since no religious community enjoyed rights specific to it, there was no question of their infringement by another community. In the famous *Abdur Rehman Mubashir versus Syed Amir Ali Shah* case in 1978, the gist of Justice Aftab Husain's judgment highlighted just that — no civic rights of Muslims were infringed if Ahmadis identified themselves as Muslims.

Seen from a Hanafi Sunni perspective, this needed to change and it did with the promulgation of some Ahmadi-specific legal instruments, including Ordinance XX issued by General Ziaul Haq in 1984 which barred Ahmadis from 'posing' as Muslims. Under this ordinance, an Ahmadi acting or behaving as a Muslim can be punished because only a Muslim has the right to act and behave like a Muslim. Zia also added the definition of a Muslim in the Constitution and changed election rules to provide for separate electoral rolls for Ahmadis alone. Whereas all Muslim and non-Muslim voters were listed in the same rolls, Ahmadis, according to the changed rules, were to be listed separately so that they could not 'pose' as Muslim voters or Muslim candidates.

The problem is that no matter what the law says, Ahmadis cannot but act like Muslims. Even if their worship places are not allowed to be called mosques, what the community does inside them still looks like namaz as it is offered by Hanafi Sunnis.

This is the crisis the Islamabad High Court judge has referred to — the failure to eradicate sameness and enforce distinction between Ahmadis and Hanafi Sunnis.

Pakistan's constitution has already declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims, an ordinance issued by a military government and upheld by the Supreme Court does not allow them to 'pose' as Muslims

and yet there is a crisis that refuses to subside. The peculiar nature of this 'crisis' means that it can only be resolved by making Ahmadis distinguishable by forcing them to have distinct names — as has been suggested by the Islamabad High Court judge. He has proposed to make it compulsory for Ahmadis to add Qadiani/Mirazi/Ghulam-e-Mirza to their names so that they can be recognised. Eventually, even this will not suffice and a demand could be made to limit them to Rabwah, a town in Punjab where their religious headquarters are located.

If this does not remind us of the horrors of Nazi rule, I wonder what else would.

German Jews, though religiously different, were otherwise unrecognisable as a distinct group from other Germans. Nazi Germany had to make them distinguishable by forcing them to wear the Star of David on their sleeves. This is exactly what Ahmadis in Pakistan face. To quote philosopher and Auschwitz survivor Primo Levi: "It happened, therefore it can happen again: this is the core of what we have to say. It can happen, and it can happen everywhere."

<https://herald.dawn.com/news/1398674>



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Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

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Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.

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20. Freedom to profess religion and to manage religious institutions. — Subject to law, public order and morality-

(a) every citizen shall have the right to profess, practice and propagate his religion; and

(b) every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institutions.

2- AHMADIYYA MOSQUE PARTIALLY DEMOLISHED BY ADMINISTRATION

Chak 161 Murad, District Bahawalpur; October 25, 2019:

At about 3:30 pm an Ahmadi mosque was partially destroyed here under the supervision of police and officials.

According to details the Assistant Commissioner accompanied by policemen, workers of the city administration Hasilpur and machinery, arrived at the scene and took the keys of the mosque from a local Ahmadi. On entry they disconnected the electric supply and confiscated the recording system of the CCTV at the mosque. Then using the machinery, they destroyed the niche of the mosque into rubble. They did this while they had no official warrant or an Order of the Court to carry out such activity.



The incident was captured by Mr. Vishal Ahmad (an Ahmadi), on his mobile phone. The police arrested Mr. Ahmad and seized his phone. Another Ahmadi, Mr. Muhammad Mustafa, an official of the Ahmadiyya Community was also arrested. These two have been charged under PPC 186/506. Surely, photography in the open is not an offence. Next day they were released on bail.

The mosque was built by Ahmadis on Ahmadiyya land in 1949. Seventeen Ahmadi families, totaling about 150 persons live in the vicinity of the mosque.

It is noteworthy that the defiling of the mosque was not undertaken by mullas, but by officials. State is supposed to protect not attack places of worship.

According to the daily Dawn report, “Assistant Commissioner Tayyab termed the action anti-encroachment operation launched on order of the district peace committee, led by Deputy Commissioner Shazeb Saeed. ... He added the Ahmadis were asked to demolish ‘Mehrab’ of their worship place and construct a wall around it so that it might not look a ‘Mehrab’.” One may ask these gentlemen to show any ‘Mehrab’ in the whole Islamic world where a wall has been constructed around it. Even the idea of such construction is comical and absurd.

The same paper carried AC’s statement: “The committee directed him (the DC) to take action against the encroachers in larger interest of peace in the village so that Ahmadis could continue having religious freedom within the walled premises of their worship place; Ahmadis are being given ‘freedom of religion.’”

It seems the district authorities do not even read their daily newspapers. Only a few days earlier on October 4, 2019 the Supreme Court directed to constitute a special bench for protection of minority rights and places of worship as ordered by the SC in its verdict of June 2014. It is hoped that the SC will take notice of this incident and hold the concerned officials accountable.

Mr. Usman Buzdar (of PTI) is the chief minister of Punjab while Mr. Imran Khan is the prime minister of Pakistan.



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PAKISTANI POLICE DEMOLISH MOSQUE OF MINORITY AHMADI SECT

By Associated Press

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FILE - Residents look at a house of a family belonging to the Ahmadi sect, which was torched by angry mob in Gujranwala, Pakistan, July 28, 2014.



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MULTAN, PAKISTAN - A spokesman for Pakistan's minority Ahmadis says authorities demolished a 70-year-old mosque belonging to the sect in a remote village in eastern Punjab province. Saleem-ud-Din says district police moved in over the weekend to demolish the mudbrick mosque in Hasilpur, a Muslim-majority village with only about a dozen Ahmadi residents. He says the mosque's dome reserved for the prayer leader was destroyed and left in a pile of rubble. Din says authorities claimed the mosque was built illegally on government land, which he denies. There was no immediate government comment. There are about half a million of Ahmadis in Pakistan, which has a population of 220 million. Pakistan declared Ahmadis non-Muslims in 1974. Ahmadi homes and places of worship are often targeted by Sunni militants who consider them heretics.

<https://www.voanews.com/south-central-asia/pakistani-police-demolish-mosque-minority-ahmadi-sect>

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AHMADI MOSQUE DEMOLISHED PARTIALLY

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Yet another Ahmadi Mosque vandalized. Not my unknown religious extremists. Not by sunni extremist mob. But by Pakistani police. The world should end their silence & condemn the ongoing #AhmadiApartheid in Pakistan. State is supposed to protect, not attack places of worship. <https://t.co/bNpEIM7XSq>

— Kashif N Chaudhry (@KashifMD) October 25, 2019

The Assistant Commissioner of Hasilpur could not be reached for comment.

According to local reports, the mosque’s *mihrab* — the semicircular niche in the wall of a mosque — was destroyed during the demolition carried out by Assistant Commissioner of Hasilpur, Mohammad Tayyab. He was accompanied by police officers from Bladia, the local development authority.

A spokesperson of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan, Saleem ud Din, said the local government and the Community Development Authority “destroyed parts of the building without notice”. He further said that some members of the Ahmadi community, who filmed the demolition on their phone cameras, were booked by the police.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/490828/ahmadi-mosque-demolished-partially/>



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<https://www.rabwah.net/pakistan-partially-destroys-mosque-of-ahmadi-muslim-minority/>

AHMADIYYA MOSQUES TARGETED IN DISTRICT BAHAWALPUR



Ahmadiyya mosques targeted in District Bahawalpur

Bahawalpur: Ahmadiyya mosques are facing risk of defiling in district Bahawalpur, as a local anti-Ahmadi activist Muhammad Ishaq has returned after staying away for a while in Multan.

Muhammad Ishaq is now residing near the Ahmadiyya mosque located in Ghalla Mandi, Bahawalpur. As a first step in his hate campaign he approached the Deputy Commissioner with complaint that Ahmadis have provided a niche in their place of worship in Chak 161 Murad, which is forbidden by law. He is wrong as the law makes no mention of forbidding niches or minarets in Ahmadiyya mosques.

After this the DC sent for the president of the Ahmadiyya Community. A delegation of local representatives met him, where they were told to cover the niche. Similarly, presidents of other Ahmadiyya local communities are being told to remove similarities between Ahmadiyya places of worship and mosques, or hide them.

The DC's orders are entirely contradictory to the Prime Minister's vision of *Riasat Madinah* stated by him in New York in UN General Assembly before the world leaders: "*In Islam, it was a sacred duty to protect places of worship of all religions*".

The PTI's government of Punjab should immediately get in step with the Prime Minister, before someone points out that Pakistan acts different than its proclamations.

<https://www.persecutionofahmadis.org/ahmadiyya-mosques-targeted-in-district-bahawalpur/>

3- AHMADIS NOT EVEN 2ND CLASS CITIZENS IN PAKISTAN

ATTOCK AC FORCED TO APOLOGIZE INFRONT OF STUDENTS FOR SPEAKING UP FOR AHMADIS ON 12 DECEMBER 2019

“AHMADIS ARE NON-MUSLIMS, THE OTHERS ARE NON-MUSLIMS TOO. AHMADIS ARE GREAT NON-MUSLIMS BECAUSE THEY DENY KHATME NABUWAT, AND THIS IS OUR BASIC AND FUNDAMENTAL PART OF FAITH”



https://youtu.be/ElCqp_Claf8

TRANSLATION:

Companion: She has said one thing, and the boy has raised a valid point that the Ahmadis have been mentioned as if they are Muslims like Shia and the Sunnis. Please explain your point of view that who is a Muslim according to the constitution of Pakistan. Please explain your point of view with regard to this.

Jannat Hussain: We were talking about Human Rights. We were talking about the non-Muslim Pakistanis. Firstly, I talked about the Kashmiris, and then I spoke on the Women Rights, and then I spoke on the Minority Rights. I spoke on the rights of the Non-Muslim Pakistanis. Okay.



I should not have mentioned the word Ahmadi over there, but afterwards I spoke on the fact that we should have unity among ourselves. We shall not be involved in any kind of discrimination, so that we can fight the external enemy.

The Student: Listen to me. You talked about the 1973 Constitution. They are non-Muslims, they are infidels.

Jannat Hussain: They are indeed Non-Muslims.

The Student: You were saying about the Unity.

Jannat Hussain: I am only saying that we shall be united

The Student: Among our own selves??? The Constitution of 1973 says.

Third Person: (To the Student): Please listen to me one minute.

Companion: You say that whether Ahmadis are Muslims or Non-Muslims to you?

Jannat Hussain: Because they are non-Muslims according to the Constitution, so there are non-Muslims for me too. I have a boy whom I have named Muhammad. There is no such thing; I think there is a misunderstanding. There is nothing of this kind. I do not have such faith, I have belief.

The Student: Naming your son Muhammad is nothing, they are also called Ahmadis, but they are Qadianis.

Jannat Hussain: They are indeed Qadianis, they are non-Muslims.

The Student: They are non-Muslims.

Jannat Hussain: They are non-Muslims, they are infidels. They are infidels, Qadianis. Alright?

Companion: Is it alright son?

The Student: Alright, but the DSP has not come yet, nor the DC.

Companion: They are coming. Madam the things that you have said in your speech, could you repeat that.

Jannat Hussain: Yes, I said that we should forget our differences, than will we be able to fight the external enemy.

Companion: Did you use the word Ahmadi?

Jannat Hussain: I said that there should not be any discrimination.

The Third Person: I would clear this thing, that the ones who are non-Muslims and the ones who are Ahmadis, there is a difference between them.

Jannat Hussain: Ahmadis are non-Muslims, the others are non-Muslims too. Ahmadis are great non-Muslims because they deny Khatm e Nabuat, and this is our basic and fundamental part of faith.

The Third Person: What is your belief on Khatm e Nabuat?

Jannat Hussain: The Holy Prophet Muhammad (P B U H) is the final Prophet. The Prophet Hood has ended after the Holy Prophet, and whosoever will claim to be a Prophet will be a liar. Even the one who will make the slightest claim will be a liar.



AHMADI, A DANGEROUS WORD TO UTTER IN PAKISTAN: AC ATTOCK HAD TO APOLOGIZE

Some topics in Pakistani society are too sensitive to be discussed openly. However, is there any policy to de-radicalize the youth to enable them for peaceful dialogue and logical conversation?

News Desk

December 13, 2019

Ahmadis are a religious minority group in Pakistan. Attock Assistant Commissioner [Jannat Hussain Nekokara](#) landed in troubled water after her comments about equal treatment of every citizen in the country. She also urged the students to stay united in order to defeat any external force in the region or beyond. However, she was forced to apologize for her comments in support of equal rights for minorities.



While speaking at an International Human Rights Day event in Attock, Nekokara had called for granting equal rights to all minorities regardless of religious divisions. “We should give due rights to non-Muslims Pakistanis, we should give them their due regard, we have unfortunately gotten stuck in these religious divisions, someone identifies as Shia, someone as Sunni, someone as an Ahmadi, someone as a Wahabi, we should dissolve these differences and instead identify ourselves only as Muslims and Pakistanis,” she said.



Soon afterward, over a dozen protesters, most of them students, arrived at the district administration building demanding an explanation from the Attock AC over grouping Ahmadis with other Muslims in her speech.

In her defense, AC Nekokara said that she did not in any way imply that Ahmadis were Muslims and said she accepted the constitution which declared them non-Muslims. “I talked about minority rights, I spoke about rights of non-Muslim Pakistanis, maybe I should have not even mentioned the word Ahmadi in that, then I spoke about how we should stay united and not discriminate against anyone so that we can protect against external enemies,” she said.

“They (Ahmadis) are non-Muslim according to the constitution and non-Muslim in my view as well,” she added.

PM Imran Khan’s reckless comments

Prime Minister Imran Khan was recently under a whirlwind of criticism on social media for his selection of words while narrating the ordeals of Holy Prophet during his public speech. What Imran Khan intended was to praise the tenacity of the Holy Prophet towards his divine mission.



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Nothing is more important than the respect of Beloved Prophet Muhammad SAW. No materialistic knowledge matters when you have not respect in your words for Prophet. Curse of Allah on those who're with Islam's enemies. **#مائی_میشل_زبان_کو_گام_دو**



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He began his speech calling the Holy Prophet, the most beloved messenger of Allah. He asserted that the Holy Prophet continued his mission notwithstanding obstacles, opposition, verbal denunciation and persecutions. Only 40 people embraced Islam in the first ten years of his prophethood yet he persevered and overcame his difficulties.

In all likelihood, PM Khan sought to encourage his fellow cabinet members, and his millions of followers and supporters, to draw inspiration from Holy Prophet to remain steady in their fight against the social evils and bring a positive change in the country. However, his critics point to the choice of words in his speech while referring to the obstacles he faced. They argue that his “choice of words” has smeared his message and offended people on social media.

Blasphemy law in Pakistan

The reverence and respect of the Holy Prophet is a sensitive issue in Pakistan. A government legislature, former Punjab Governor, Salman Taseer had lost his life after his guard Mumtaz Qadri opened fire on him due to blasphemy accusations. Governor had not said anything remotely blasphemous, he was, however, a vocal critic of Maulvis and religious leaders of political parties and factions who were pitched against him due to the Aasiya Bibi case.

Taseer, in the end, fell victim to the incessant propaganda that was being done against him by religious lobbies. Mumtaz Qadri and his lawyers failed to prove anything in the court in his defense. Qadri was given capital punishment and was hanged in the early part of 2016.



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Qadri's execution leads to the creation of Tehrik-e-Labaik Pakistan (TLP) that forced a "Dharna" on Faizabad, Islamabad in 2017 and later mayhem on streets against the appointment of Atif Main as an advisor to PM in 2018 and later against the Supreme Court decision of acquitting Aasiya Bibi from blasphemy case. Ultimately the government and the state institutions dealt TLP with an iron hand. Cases of terrorism were registered against TLP leaders including its firebrand leader, Khadim Hussain Rizvi. Rizvi is now much muted and behaves with due respect to the law.

<https://www.globalvillagespace.com/ahmadi-a-dangerous-word-to-utter-in-pakistan-ac-attock-had-to-apologize/>

Periodical News

ACCEPT YOUR SON IS NON-MUSLIM: STUDENTS IN PAKISTAN HARASS GOVT OFFICIAL FOR RAISING MINORITY RIGHTS ISSUE

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A Pakistan Administrative Service officer was harassed by university students in Attock, Nekokara for raising the issue of human rights from minorities, including the Ahmadis in Pakistan.

Attock Assistant Commissioner Jannat Hussain Nekokara was forced to apologise for her comments in support of equal rights for minorities. The students also made her say that her, who she said she has named Mohammed after the Prophet Mohammed, was not a Muslim as he was an Ahmadi.

"Say he is kafir and a non-Muslim, naming him Mohammed will not help," one of the student protesters told the assistant commissioner.

Jannat Hussain Nekokara was speaking at an International Human Rights Day event at the district administration building when she urged the people of Pakistan to shed differences and unite.

"We should give due rights to non-Muslims Pakistanis, we should give them their due regard, we have unfortunately gotten stuck in these religious divisions, someone identifies as Shia, someone as Sunni, someone as an Ahmadi, someone as a Wahabi, we should dissolve these differences and instead identify ourselves only as Muslims and Pakistanis," she said.

She was asked to apologise.

In her apology, recorded on several cameras and shared on social media, the assistant commissioner said that she accepted that Ahmadis were not Muslims and she should not have said it.

"I talked about minority rights, I spoke about rights of non-Muslim Pakistanis, maybe I should have not even mentioned the word Ahmadi in that, then I spoke about how we should stay united and not discriminate against anyone so that we can protect against external enemies," she said.



“They (Ahmadis) are non-Muslim according to the constitution and non-Muslim in my view as well,” she added.

The official also yielded to the demands of protesters on calling her son a kafir. “He is definitely a non-Muslim, a kafir,” she said for her son.

The students also harassed Assistant Commissioner Jannat Hussain Nekokara for not wearing a hijab while talking about Islam.

Islamist student calls out Assistant Commissioner Jannat Hussain Nekokara for not wearing a hijab while talking about Islam and says that Caliph Abubakr called for beheading one’s own father if he dares to blaspheme against the Prophet.

“Which country is she living in, she is talking about Islam without a dupatta covering her head,” a student is heard saying in a video posted online.

<https://periodicalnews.com/2019/12/12/accept-your-son-is-non-muslim-students-in-pakistan-harass-govt-official-for-raising-minority-rights-issue/>



ATTOCK AC JANNAT HUSSAIN GOT IN TROUBLE FOR MENTIONING AHMADIS IN HER SPEECH

December 12, 2019

Jannat Hussain Nekokara, Attock Assistant Commissioner was compelled to apologize for mentioning Ahmadis while speaking at an event where she called for unity among all Pakistanis. She is compelled to explain her statement before a group of extremists.

While speaking at an event of International humans rights in Attock, she mentioned that we should grant equal rights to all minorities regardless of their religious views.

In an event, AC said: “We should give due rights to non-Muslims Pakistanis, we should give them their due respect, we have unfortunately gotten stuck in these religious divisions, someone identifies as Shia, someone as Sunni, someone as an Ahmadi, someone as a Wahabi, we should end these differences and instead identify ourselves only as Muslims and Pakistanis.”





محمد ولید لودھرا
@Lodhra_SHB

if you want to take revenge from anyone just ask him Ahmadi. And then just watch what molvis will do with him! This time lady used Ahmadi's words with Shia and Sunni during her speech, due to which she was harassed by extremist students. [#Ahmadis](#) [ایک یا خاتم النبیین](#)



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After this many protestors mostly the students arrived at the district administration building and asked the assistant commissioner to answer why she mentioned the grouping of Ahmadis with other Muslims.

AC Jannat clarifies her statement. She said that she doesn't mean that Ahmadis are Muslims and further said that she accepts the constitution which declares them non-Muslims.

Jannat said: "I talked about minority rights, I spoke about rights of non-Muslim Pakistanis, maybe I should have not even mentioned the word Ahmadi in that, then I spoke about how we should stay united and not discriminate against anyone so that we can protect against external enemies. Ahmadis are non-Muslim according to the constitution and non-Muslim in my view as well."



Jannat said in her speech that she talked about the issues in Kashmir, spoke about the women's rights and she only mentioned the word Ahmadis in her speech. Jannat mentioned them because she wanted to say that we should give equal rights to all non-muslims in Pakistan so that we face the international forces and avoid issues. AC added that her son's name is also Muhammad. AC knows that Ahmadis are non-muslim.

<https://thewomenjournal.com/2019/12/attock-ac-jannat-hussain-got-in-trouble-for-mentioning-ahmadis-in-her-speech/>

AC ATTOCK APOLOGISES FOR HER CONTROVERSIAL SPEECH ABOUT AHMDIS

By

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December 13, 2019



Assistant commissioner Attock, Jannat Hussain Nekokara

Assistant Commissioner (AC) Attock, Jannat Hussain Nekokara was forced to apologise for her comments in support of equal rights for minorities.

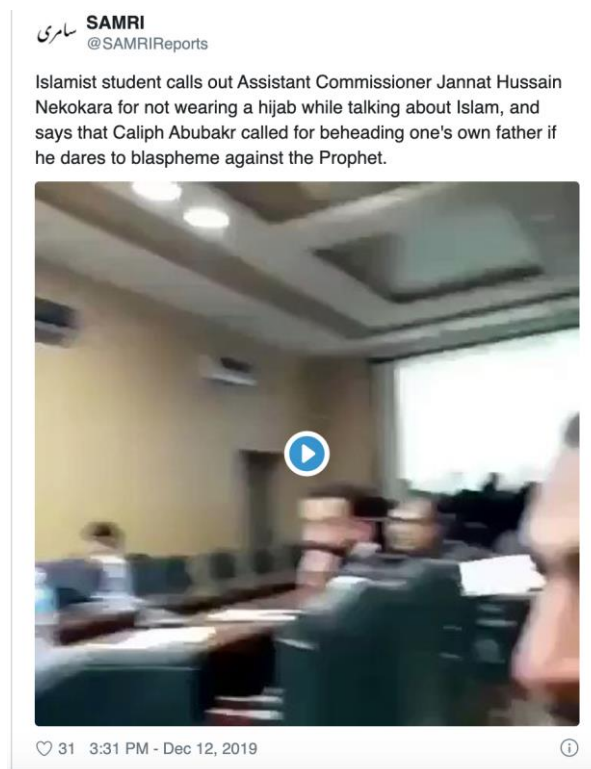
While speaking at an International Human Rights Day event in Attock on December 10, 2019, Jannat Hussain Nekokara had called for granting equal rights to all minorities “including **Ahmadis** in the list of Muslim Sects” regardless of religious divisions. Watch the controversial Speech of Assistant Commissioner Attock, in the video, below.



Video: Controversial Speech of Jannat Hussain Nekokara, Assistant Commissioner Attock district.

“WE SHOULD GIVE DUE RIGHTS TO NON-MUSLIMS PAKISTANIS, WE SHOULD GIVE THEM THEIR DUE REGARD, WE HAVE UNFORTUNATELY GOTTEN STUCK IN THESE RELIGIOUS DIVISIONS, SOMEONE IDENTIFIES AS SHIA, SOMEONE AS SUNNI, SOMEONE AS AN AHMADI, SOMEONE AS A WAHABI, WE SHOULD DISSOLVE THESE DIFFERENCES AND INSTEAD IDENTIFY OURSELVES ONLY AS MUSLIMS AND PAKISTANIS,” SHE SAID.

But her speech at International Human rights day, became controversial and sparked outrage among the audience and local public because, she listed the Ahmadis in the list of Muslim sects. (According to Constitution of Pakistan '1973', **Ahmadis are non-Muslim** minority not a sect of Muslims.



Video: Students are angry after the controversial Speech of AC Attock, Jannat Hussain Nekokara.



Soon afterward, over a hundreds of protesters, most of them students, arrived at the district administration building demanding an explanation from the Attock AC over grouping Ahmadis with other Muslims in her speech.

In her defence, AC Nekokara said that she did not in any way imply that Ahmadis were Muslims and said she accepted the constitution which declared them non-Muslims. Watch the video of AC Attock, Jannat Hussain Apologizing for her controversial statement about Ahmadis.



video of AC Attock, Jannat Hussain Apologizing for her controversial statement about Ahmadis.

"I TALKED ABOUT MINORITY RIGHTS, I SPOKE ABOUT RIGHTS OF NON-MUSLIM PAKISTANIS, MAY BE I SHOULD HAVE NOT EVEN MENTIONED THE WORD AHMADI IN THAT, THEN I SPOKE ABOUT HOW WE SHOULD STAY UNITED AND NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANYONE SO THAT WE CAN PROTECT AGAINST EXTERNAL ENEMIES," SHE SAID.

"They (Ahmadis) are non-Muslim according to the constitution and non-Muslim in my view as well," she added.

<https://www.newpakweb.com/ac-attock-apologises-for-her-controversial-speech-about-ahmdis/>

EDITORIAL | GOVT MUST TAKE NOTICE OF AC ATTOCK'S HARASSMENT AT HANDS OF RELIGIOUS FANATICS



Naya Daur December 13, 2019



A video of Assistant Commissioner of Attock Jannat Nekokara proclaiming her faith in a room full of enraged men patronizingly seeking explanation over one of her statements has been doing the rounds on social media. In her speech at an event marking Human Rights Day, the enlightened woman civil servant had called for unity among all Pakistanis including Ahmadis. But the concept of equality and religious harmony is lost on the small-minded religious fanatics. The AC was forced to clarify her position vis-à-vis the finality of Prophethood and Ahmadis in general. The line of questioning adopted by the men who surrounded her as she clarified her statement, made it appear as if she was under trial for a serious offence and those questioning her were authorised judges.

That a speech advocating equality and harmony among citizens across faiths can generate such a reaction says a lot about the state of affairs in Pakistan when it comes to minorities. This intolerance towards minority faiths has been strengthened over the years through discriminatory laws as well as bigoted rhetoric peddled by political leaders.

The Ahmadi community continues to be at the receiving end of violence whereby their places of worship are ransacked by angry mobs who, in most instances, are found to be backed by local authorities or influentials. The community also faces social boycotts which often forces them to hide their faith. The state is complicit in their persecution by the virtue of its inaction. That no mainstream political leader intends to do something about this hatred and violence makes the situation even more dismal.

And when a government representative tries to address this exclusion of a religious minority by calling them equal citizens of the state, she is harassed and made to explain herself.

The rowdy men should not have been given a chance to confront her in the first place. The authorities should have taken notice of the backlash and contained their anger instead of putting the young AC in a position where she had to explain her faith in front of a bunch of zealots.

The government must do the needful and ensure her security considering that there have been instances of political leaders being attacked by extremists despite having explained their position over similar controversies.

<https://nayadaur.tv/2019/12/editorial-govt-must-take-notice-of-ac-attacks-harassment-at-hands-of-religious-fanatics/>

RABWAH TIMES

PAKISTANI OFFICIAL APOLOGIZES FOR SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

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Jannat Hussain Nekokara, assistant commissioner Attock, on Tuesday apologized for her comments in support of equal human rights for Pakistan's minorities. Nekokara made the comments while speaking at an International Human Rights Day event in Attock.

Speaking at the event AC Nekokara said:

"We should give due rights to Non-Muslims Pakistanis, we should give them their due regard, we have unfortunately gotten stuck in these religious divisions, someone identifies as Shia, someone as Sunni, someone as an Ahmadi, someone as a Wahabi, we should dissolve these differences and instead identify ourselves only as Muslims and Pakistanis"

Those present at the event objected to the commissioner's grouping of Ahmadis with other Muslims and soon after over a dozen protestors arrived at the district administration building. Assistant



Commissioner Attock Jannat Hussain Nekokara, was also summoned to the officer to explain herself where she described that she did not in anyway mean that Ahmadis were Muslim and she accepted the Pakistani constitution which declared them non-Muslim.

She said:

“We were talking about human rights, we were talking about non-Muslim Pakistanis..... then I talked about minority rights, i spoke about rights of non-Muslim Pakistanis, may be i should have not even mentioned the word Ahmadi in that, then I spoke about how we should stay united and not discriminate against anyone so that we can protect against external enemies”

To this the protesting students objected by saying:

“If the the 1973 constitution says that they are non-Muslims and Infidels why are you speaking about unity”

Responding to the objections by protestors Nekokara responded:

“They [Ahmadis] are non-Muslim according to the constitution and non-Muslim in my view as well”

Former candidate Punjab Assembly, Advocate Malik Omar Arshad condemned AC Nekokara’s statement and said he is consulting legal experts and will file a writ petition with the Session Court, Attock and later in the Lahore High Court.

<https://www.rabwah.net/pakistani-official-apologizes-for-speaking-in-support-of-human-rights/>

PAKISTAN TODAY

BANISHING DEMONS, STIRRING HOPE

BY RAOOF HASAN , (LAST UPDATED 21 HOURS AGO)

Candid Corner

- For we have stared deep into the alley at death itself

“Or, else, I’d try to force myself to fall in love. In fact, I did it twice, and I suffered, gentlemen, I assure you I did. Deep down in your heart, you don’t believe in your suffering. There is a stirring of mockery, and yet you suffer – in the most genuine, honest-to-goodness way.”

– Fyodor Dostoyevsky

Mornings, afternoons, evenings– we seem to be caught up in an unending trail of malicious fabrications, signifying myriad emotions echoing a change that may be desired. But, let this be said that if all fabrications were to prove right, there would be no space left for truth, reason and logic



to flourish. We shall, forever, be doomed in the maelstrom of desires which would only serve a certain branded form of objectives.

So, let's partake of the palette of emotions, but let's also not forget that we live in a world that is not solely dictated by the desires of an individual, or a comity of individuals. In the larger scheme of things, everyone's desires matter and are relevant irrespective of whether they are realised, or they remain starved in the wilderness of pain.

But, one cannot survive amidst perpetual gloom that we seem to be engulfed in. One loses the zest for life. One's creative sparkle is dulled as does the ability to cope with hard times. Let's not, therefore, be lost in the sprawling sands of the desert. Let's find some time to look up at the vast canvas of skies covered in layers of clouds some of which may be laden with droplets of water to drench people who have lost their hope, and whose desires may be parched.

Words are expressions of thoughts. Words can do magic, rekindling dormant hopes and acting as trailblazers for revolutions. Words have helped traverse new vistas and define new genres. There have been outstanding weavers of this magic, but none could express it more powerfully, more eloquently and more poignantly than T S Eliot— that quintessential craftsman of lacing words with meaning:

April is the cruellest month, breeding

Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing

Memory and desire, stirring

Dull roots with spring rain.

“Breeding lilacs out of the dead land” and “stirring dull roots with spring rain” are gems which are carved through a matchless devotion to developing a ripe imagination to soar beyond immeasurable distances. But, at the heart of it all is a raw thought that not only cultivates one's faculties to confront immense challenges, but also generates a drive to pursue them with strength of passion and purity of soul. This is the way to getting somewhere high and above and beyond the ordinary.

In the historical context, Pakistan seems to be perched on the cusp of time. From here on, it is either moving up and above, or be doomed to a bottomless pit from where there would be no path to salvation. Such has been the fate of this forsaken country that a few have prospered lavishly from its riches while a preponderant majority have continued surviving on the fringes of life, feeding on the dredges thrown their way by the beneficiary elite. There has been much in terms of meaningless words and fickle promises, but nothing signifying any substantive gains for those who don't have a school to send their children to, or a hospital to take care of their sick, or hope that they would be able to move on to a better future. They survive, like their elders did, in utter penury, just as their children would when their time comes. The poor of the country have been the victims of generational deceptions unleashed by those who have their coffers full with illicit billions and their egos bloated with the venom of keeping everyone hostage of their vile fancies and indescribable cruelty.

Pakistan needs justice. Pakistan also needs a healing touch that would diminish its pain with time. Healing begins with prognosis as reconciliation would with truth. But it is truth that no one is willing to face. Instead, the trick that the guilty work by for making it irrelevant is by plunging deeper into the pit of depravity from where there is no retrieval

But, how does one untangle the knot? Much against logic rooted in good sense, the state has been forced to carry unnecessary burdens which stymied its growth potential and rendered it discriminatory in dealing with its own citizens. Instead of celebrating its natural diversity and



strengthening it to bring about cohesion, harmony and multifaceted development, it created divisions which have scarred its ethos and held it back from exploiting the true and full potential of its people. Over time, the state became an unbearable weight unto itself. Be it the Objectives Resolution, declaring the Ahmadi community non-Muslim, the Blasphemy Law, or such other strictures, the state has had to carry this unwieldy load which impacted it internally and exposed it to intense international censure. This started happening in its very infancy which has only become more gruesome with the passage of time. It is virtually untenable now. It has grown to becoming a monster which is the very antithesis of the enshrining foundational dream of the Quaid for turning the country into a liberal, enlightened and egalitarian entity.

Simultaneously, it has not been able to deal effectively with a number of abominable social and religious rituals and practices. Two recent incidents concerning the stoning to death of a nine-year-old girl, Gul Sama, in District Dadu of Sindh province on the pretext of '*honour killing*', and the absolutely disgraceful manner in which the sitting Assistant Commissioner, Attock, Jannat Hussain Nekokara, was made to apologise for a comment she had made earlier against artificial divisions along religious lines and calling for granting equal rights to minorities in Pakistan, are indescribably ugly blotches on the face of the state. Can a nation survive this collective shame? These are not odd cases, but part of an organised, systematic and barbaric attitude addicted to inflicting a myopic and degenerate mindset on the entire population and eliminating any residual space for constructive dialogue that may still be available.

Pakistan has transited from enslavement by the foreigners to enslavement by its very own. To move forward, it must remodel the system that is crafted to work as an exploitative tool for the benefit of those who don't need its beneficence, and detriment of those who do but are always confronted with its malfeasant face. The essence of this system must be redirected to uplifting the poor and the marginalised, not perpetuating the stranglehold of the usurpers.

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But, let me say no more. Let's banish the demons for now. Let's stir some hope for all may not be lost yet. Let Faiz Sahib take over with his inimitable passion and candour which reverberate with a resounding message for those who hold the sword:

Let the clarion call go forth to the mighty

To stand sentinel to the measure of their deeds

When the wretched of the earth shall surge

Entreating for vengeance

None shall come to the rescue.

Reward and punishment shall be dispensed here

For here shall be enacted hell and paradise

Here shall be raised the call for the hereafter

Here shall be the doomsday.

<https://www.pakistantoday.com.pk/2019/12/14/banishing-demons-stirring-hope/>



OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA

VIOLENT FOUL MOUTHING AND HATE MONGERING AGAINST AHMADIS BY PAKISTANI CLERICS AND POLITICANS

SHEHERYAR KHAN AFRIDI OF PTI, MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERIOR, PROMISED TO PROTECT HAFIZ SAEED'S BANNED ORGANISATION



<https://youtu.be/Yyz7iFQC7GQ>

TRANSLATION:

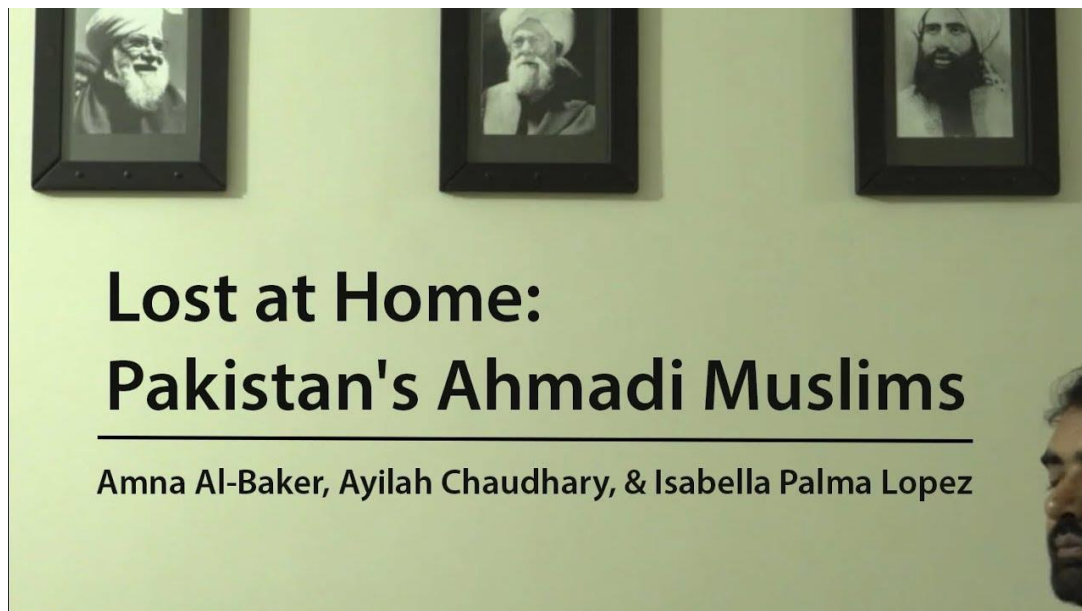
SheharYar Afridi: Why have they become hostile to Hafiz Saeed? Tell me?

Mulla: Islamabad High Court ordered Election Commission of Pakistan to register the Milli Muslim League. Prior to the registration USA included it in its list of terrorist organizations. They said that they had already known that it was Hafiz Saeed's organization and they were including it in their list of international terrorist organizations.

SheharYar Afridi: Leave aside Hafiz Saeed; so long as we or PTI are in Assembly anyone who supports Pakistan and the Truth we shall be with him. (All said , InshAllah, God willing). This is our belief, this is our belief. I request you to come to the Assembly and see whether this ... (not clear)... supports the Truth or ... (not clear) Listen Mufti Sahib, I am nothing; all I have learnt is from you. We are like the dust of your feet. Can anyone claim that he would remain alive for another minute? So why do we tell a lie, why do we deceive, why do we support the oppressor? By God! Mufti Sahib, the injustice being done in this society behind the curtains – you can't imagine. Women come to me (and tell me) that their real brother-in-law, real maternal uncle, real father, real paternal uncle,

real father-in-law (do to them). Whatever, they do to their daughters and sisters is unimaginable. May God have mercy on us. Nobody is true. Will mercy of God descend on this society? Everybody turns away from you when you are poor or needy; but if you become oppressor everyone will bow to you. Is this the Sharia?

**LOST AT HOME: PAKISTAN'S AHMADI MUSLIMS
: BY PULITZER CENTER**



https://youtu.be/gZB_Pt-xN40

**DODGING BULLETS: THE LIFE OF AN AHMADI MUSLIM IN PAKISTAN
: BY BACK BENCH**



<https://youtu.be/W0JMS4oE1Qs>



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PAKISTANI CLERIC URGES PRIME MINISTER IMRAN KHAN TO ISSUE DEATH PENALTY AGAINST AHMADIS



<https://youtu.be/k6-0kV3fAo8>

TRANSLATION:

I have been to many countries in the world, like Canada, USA and many European countries. In these countries, wherever there are Qadiani missions, there our youth, due to being ignorant, are becoming apostates and have forgotten about the honour of the Holy Prophet of Islam, peace be upon him. Since our youth is ignorant, they have left the blessed town of Medina and entered Qadian – a red light district.

I will explain here that the government is obliged to follow the orders of the law courts. The first Khalifa of the Holy Prophet – Hazrat Abu Bakr Siddiq – did this and proved my point to be valid. Prime Minister Imran Khan! You deserve congratulations as you are following the Islamic state of Medina, where, during the rule of Khilafat, the first consensus was that an army was dispatched to confront the person who had claimed to be a prophet. Mr Prime Minister! When you speak about the welfare state of Medina, our hearts become prayerful that may you make such decisions as were made in the State of Medina. Audience! Now loudly proclaim the slogan of 'Allah-u-Akbar'! Allah-u-Akbar!

I extend my congratulations to you that on 7 September 1974, the assembly, some of whose members are sitting here today as well, declared the Ahmadis non-Muslim. Hence, an action was taken which reminded us of the State of Medina.

After having stated this, I would like to make a request to the Prime Minister of Pakistan. I would like to say that a disorder is spreading in this country. There is a need for us to spread awareness among the public. The biggest demand I want to make to the Prime Minister in this connection is that he should make sure that the restrictions imposed by the constitution on the Qadianis should be properly implemented and the punishment which has been prescribed for the blasphemers of the Holy Prophet according to the Section 295 – C should also be implemented. We are with you in this and our prayers are also with you whether the Islamic state is in Medina or here in Pakistan. The Holy Prophet created an Islamic State in Medina and Qaid-e-Azam created Pakistan in the name of Kalima Tayyaba. So we are the heirs of this state. We commend your efforts and assure you of our cooperation. In the end, I would only like to say that all praise belongs to Allah – the Lord of all the worlds.

CHAIRMAN PAKISTAN ULEMA COUNCIL TAHIR ASHRAFI SPEAKS AT INTERFAITH HARMONY CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY PAKISTAN'S MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS

“I AM NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT THEM (AHMADIS) IN THIS COUNTRY”



<https://youtu.be/rGTeEG3or7k>

TRANSLATION:

Qadianiat have not accepted the constitution of Pakistan till now. We want to inform the Parliamentary Secretary that we are bearing one another and this is the reason why we are sitting here. We recognize the one who recognizes Pakistan. We recognize the one who recognizes the Khatm e Nabuat of Muhammad (P B U H). We recognize the one who recognizes the constitution the constitution of Pakistan. And the one who does not recognize the constitution we does not recognize him.

There are Christians residing in Pakistan. Whenever they are in any sort of discomfort we are there to comfort them even before the government. We stand with them. Whether they are suicide blasts, bomb blasts or be it anything else. Our respected, respected doctor is here ask all of their community. Then there are our Sikh brothers, whenever they are in any sort of problem we are there for them. Our Hindu brothers are here. Whenever they are in any sort of problem we are there for them. There are small number of Jews as well residing here, if they face any kind of problem we are there for them, because they recognize the constitution of Pakistan. Those who do not recognize the constitution of Pakistan you say state? I am not ready to even bear them in the country. Therefore the one who does not recognize the constitution of Pakistan, the one who does not recognize the law of the country. He is a traitor of this country rather than a loyal. Adding further to it we say that we acquired this country in the credit of the Holy Prophet (P B U H). No one has presented to me this country in a plate. There is a blood being shed in the name of this country, in the name of the Holy Prophet (P B U H). The Christians reside in this country; the Sikhs reside in this country. Hindus reside in this country. Bhais reside in this country. It was the objection of Hafiz Zubair and the objection of the Ulemas. But they get themselves recognized as Bhais. But does any Qadiani has enough courage, including Mirza Masroor that he may come here and say that we recognize the constitution of Pakistan.

I am speaking to the Qadianis here. They are mischievous, they carry out fraud. They are misleading the humanity by using the names of the Muslims, and respected Pir Sahab these things are ought to be remembered. There are number of objections already raised against your community, and we are busy to defend it day and night, because we know that nor Imran Khan is a Qadiani neither he is a supporter of the Qadiani. He has the same believe on Khatm e Nabuat as do you and I have. And While Religious for Heritage Pir Saeed Ul Hasan Shah is not present here. We cannot even imagine that the Qadianis are acting actively at this point of time. To act against the Qadianis is the unity of the Ummah. To speak against the Qadianis is a religious harmony. Because, one minute, Hadhrat, Hadhrat I am just finishing it. I am just finishing it.

To speak against the Qadianis is a religious harmony, because the first claim of Mirza Qadiani is to be Allah and to be Allah's wife. Even today he claims to be the Messiah, does our Christian community accept him to be the Messiah. And similarly like we do not recognize Mirza Qadiani as a Muslim, we do not recognize Qadianis as Muslims, we consider Mirza Qadiani anti-Christ, we consider him to be a liar. Similarly my Christian community considers him to be anti-Christ and liar.

Inter-religious talk is a great thing. Inter-sect talk is also a great thing. But remember Qadianiat is neither a religion nor a sect. It is an evil created by the British. It is an evil created to attack Islam, Quran and Jihad and it is created to attack the Khatm e Nabuat of the Holy Prophet (P B U H). We are ready to sacrifice our lives for the non-Muslims, because they are our Pakistani brothers. But the one who does not recognize the constitution of Pakistan, the country acquired in the name of the holy Prophet (P B U H). Do not recognize the Holy Prophet as the final Prophet (P B U H), we cannot recognize them. If this is called inter-religion talk that Qadianiat should be accepted than we cannot accept that. This type of inter-religion we have not seen in history, this cannot be done and never will be done.

Upon us is only to convey the message.

CHAIRMAN PAKISTAN ULEMA COUNCIL TAHIR ASHRAFI THREATENS AND INCITES HATRED AGAINST AHMADIS

"AHMADIS ARE ATTACKING PAKISTAN THROUGH DECEITS"



<https://youtu.be/zQjzJlgpL1o>

TRANSLATION:

Qadianis are once again attacking Pakistan through their deceptions. By the grace of God, Muslims of Pakistan are still attentive. That is why, whether it is a matter of legislation or Atif Mian, Qadianiat is not prevailing in national assembly. Now, they are saying that Atif Mian went to Makka and

attended conference over there. I challenge Qadianiat to ask Atif Mian to apply Saudi visa with Qadiani identity. If he gets Saudi visa, we will pay Qadianiat any fine. By the grace of God, in kingdom of Saudi Arabia, everyone agrees that they are pagans. Shiekh Bin Baz have given comprehensive fiat that none of the pagans can enter Makka Mukarama and Madina Munawarah in accordance with Quran and Sunna. According to our research, Atif Mian didn't unveil his Qadiani identity before applying visa. If he had unveiled his identity, he would not have been granted Saudi visa.

That is why we say that if any Qadiani including Atif Mian or Mirza Masroor has courage, apply and show us a Saudi visa issued by any Saudi consulate of the world. By the grace of God, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was founded on the base of Quran and Sunna. Believing oneness of God and recognizing Holy Prophet (PBUH) as last Prophet is its identity. This propaganda of Qadianis is also a part of their hate campaign against kingdom. Few days back, Mirza Masroor also highlighted this campaign through his statement in which he instructed Qadianis to reach Makka and Madina to spread violence.

Once again, I challenge Atif Mian, Mirza Masroor and all liars of Qadianiat to apply and show us a Saudi visa issued by any Saudi consulate of the world. If they obtain visa through deceit by claiming themselves among Muslims or Muslim employees of consulate are unable to report this act to Saudi consulate, this matter should not be associated with Islam and Muslims.

CLERIC SHEIKH KHURAM THREATENS PM IMRAN KHAN, THAT IF HE DOES NOT TAKE ACTION AGAINST AHMADIS, 98% OF PEOPLE WILL GRAB HIS COLLOR

“QADIANIS ARE DECEITFUL SECT AND SLAVE TO BRITISH”



https://youtu.be/t4Jan-oN_k4

TRANSLATION:

We must remember that it is written in the constitution that Qadiani cannot construct mosque similar to the pattern of our mosques. Today, Qadianis are deceitful sect and slave to British. If they follow pattern of our mosques, then Imran Khan (ESQ) must remember that he is assisting this 2.50% sect. Imran Khan (ESQ) must also remember that other 98% of community know how to grab you by the collar and how to get their rights. (Followed by slogans: Tajdar Khatm e Nabuwat Zindabad)

CLERIC SYED M ZUBAIR ENSURING THAT NO ONE GETS CLOSE TO AHMADIS

“WHOEVER DOUBTS THAT AHMADIS' INFIDELITY, IS AN INFIDEL HIMSELF”



<https://youtu.be/Y1oaEsB2prU>

TRANSLATION:

Who gave you a permission to pass such a statement provided that you even don't know surat Fateha? Mirzais were pagans in the past. They are pagans today and will remain pagans till doomsday. Anyone who has doubt over this identity of Mirzais, is also pagan. Our Prophet (PBUH) is the last Prophet.

ORYA MAQBOOK JAN, JOURNALIST AND RELIGIOUS AGITATOR AT A CONFERENCE OF KHATME NABUWAT (FINALITY OF PROPHETHOOD)

“AHMADIS ARE GUILTY OF REBELLION”



<https://youtu.be/SQhh8GIG8tg>



TRANSLATION:

The Qadianis say that they will not follow the restriction imposed on them by the constitution whereby they have been declared non-Muslim. So, it is a popular national thought nowadays that this issue is not a religious issue. The fact is that they reject the constitution, so they commit rebellion against the constitution. Hence, they are guilty of rebellion. So, we will not allow any rebel to live here. This is something about which neither the so-called custodians of the constitution speak, nor anyone else talks about it’.

PAKISTANI CLERIC HUSSAIN AHMAD MADNI’S SPEECH TO SENSATIONALISE EVENTS IN REFERENCE TO GETTING PEOPLE SUPPORT FOR FREEDOM MARCH IN OCTOBER 2019

“WE ARE COMING TO ISLAMABAD TO TAKE OUT THE FUNERAL OF QADIANIAT”



<https://youtu.be/BlaFdrIhTRc>

TRANSLATION:

By the Grace of Allah we are coming to Islamabad to take out the funeral of Qadianiat, the funeral of the Jews. The Slogans were raised.

Allah o Akbar.

Labbaik Labbaik.

Alhamdolilah the Quaid has given the order. We are preparing, we are in the field. We are ready for a march toward Islamabad. Who is ready? Raise your hands we will go to Islamabad (In sha Allah).

We will announce rebellion against this government. (in sha Allah). We will raise the flag of Islam in Islamabad, Pakistan. In sha Allah. We will take out the funeral of this government. In sha Allah. We will send Qadiani agents back to America. In sha Allah, In sha Allah. The Qadiani appointed ambassador Nabeel. We will kick out the ambassador along with this evil government, the anti-Islam Government, the anti- Khatm e Nabuat Government from Pakistan. in sha Allah, in sha Allah).

MOLANA FAZLUR REHMAN, LEADER OF JAMIAT E ULAMA E ISLAM, INSTIGATING HATRED AGAINST HEAD OF AHMADIYYA COMMUNITY, IN HIS ANTI AHMADIYYA SPEECH ON SEPTEMBER 2019.

“QADIANI NETWORK IS CURRENTLY ACTIVE ALL OVER THE WORLD”



<https://youtu.be/93xoHfrkLEQ>

TRANSLATION:

Qadiani network is currently active all over the world. And for the first time the Qadiani's leader has said that the constitution of Pakistan will need to be changed. He has stated that the legal status of Qadianis as a non-Muslim minority will need to be changed. He has expressed a hope that this should happen. On whom does his hope lie? Why does he have this hope? Even religious circles are perplexed.

MOLANA FAZLUR REHMAN, DELIVERED A VENOMOUS SPEECH IN THE KHATME NABUWAT CONFERENCE ON HELD IN RABWAH IN OCTOBER 2019

“WHOEVER IS A FRIEND OF MIRZAIS IS AN APOSTATE”



<https://youtu.be/hk9mf33RpNo>

TRANSLATION:

.. And today I want to put this matter in front of you, that when we decided to do a March towards Islamabad. We dedicated the month of October for this purpose.

And we finalized the day of 27th October after consultation with all the other parties. There are two forces that are in the state of confusion at this point of time in this world.

You think that this is only the rulers of the country that are in a state of confusion. I will tell you, listen! To me that who is upset.

Allah o Akbar.

At what places this movement has caused disturbance. Israel and Qadian are the two places that are facing disturbances because of this.

They think that the investment we have been doing in the past 30, 40 years in Pakistan, the lobbying we have done, the influence we have created. All of that will sweep this away. All of our effort will go in vain.

Allah o Akbar (slogans being raised).

Whoever is a friend of Mirzais is an apostate.

One more thing written by the newspapers in 1996 that in 2020 the network of Israel and the Jewish forces will spread throughout South Asia and they will gain control of the entire South Asia.

2020 is the next year and this news was published in 1996. It is written in that news that in order to complete this task a cricketer Imran Khan will be chosen for this purpose. This is not a current thing; it is a story of the past. There are circumstances that have brought us to this situation.

You have seen it yourself that the head of Qadiani Community gave a statement that now it is time that the clause of declaring the Qadianis as Non-Muslims should be dismissed from the constitution. He has declared in an official statement. Now what shall we do in these circumstances? Shall we not carry out our responsibilities?

IBTISAM ELAHI ZAHEER DELIVERS AN ANTI AHMADIYYA KHATME NABUWAT LECTURE IN OCTOBER 2019, ABUSING AHMADIS IN NUMEROUS DEROGATORY WAYS

“A PROPHET AFTER THE PROPHETHOOD OF THE HOLY PROPHET (PBUH) WILL BE A LIAR, THE CURSED ONE, ANTI-CHRIST, UNFAITHFUL”



<https://youtu.be/H5GI9xXe1eI>



TRANSLATION:

.. Another crime that is libable to death is apostasy. The ones who change their religion after having faith in the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and the ones who do it after believing in the oneness of Allah.

The one who becomes an infidel or becomes part of the group that is the denier of the Khatme Nabuwat of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

If the Pakistani law permits you, it only does so, keeping in mind the fact that you will stay in the boundaries of the Shariah. It is the responsibility of the law to eradicate these types of elements. These elements should be eradicated.

O listerners! My clip is there on YouTube which is used by the Qadianis till date. The clip is being promoted by the Qadianis in the whole world that Mulla Ibtisam announces fatwas to kill Ahmadis.

O listeners! Even today I say this and say this with complete firmness that it is the saying of the Holy Prophet (PBUH), "Who soever changes his religion is liable to death".

I would like to say this that Hadhrat Abu Bakar Siddique (R.A) did Jihad against Musailma Kazzab, he fought against Musailma Kazzab. The reason for that fight was the reason that Musailma Kazzab used to call himself a Prophet, a messenger. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) saw two bangles in his hands in a dream.

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) felt the discomfort of those bangles. Those bangles disappeared when the Holy Prophet (PBUH) blew them away.

They were the ones that were trying to attack on the Nabuwat and the matter has been decided by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) that the day of judgement will not occur until thirty false claimers of Prophethood will not come.

All will be liars, the accursed; they all will be great liars. But the sad thing is that today they have been given the guarantee of peace.

Today the whole state has givem them safety. They call their synagogues, their churches, their temples, their worship places as mosques. They give the name of their own dirty thoughts and their falst belief as Islam.

They mislead the innocent Muslims by deceiving them and trapping them. He is also a Prophet, that one is also a Prophet. Although the matter has been decided by Allah that there will not be any any Prophet after me.

Now whoever will claim to be a Prophet after the Prophethood of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) will be a liar, the cursed one, anti-Christ, he will be unfaithful.

He will be a burglar of Nabuwat, he will be the stealer of Nabuwat. O people! We understand it fully that the whole Muslim Ummah should unite in their pursuit.

There should be a proper law against them. That whosoever tries to attack the Prophethood, whosoever follows an opinion apart from the opinion of the Holy Prophet (PBUH).

Upon the surface of the earth they cannot find the gurantee of life. O listeners! Simiar sort of decision shas been given by Allah the Almighty in his book as well.



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BLASPHEMY LAWS, RADICALIZATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN PAKISTAN

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Photo: Protesters mobilizing for the release of Asia Bibi in Lahore, Pakistan on November 21, 2010 (Mohsin Raza/Reuters)

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Pakistan came into the international spotlight in late 2018 after the court ruled on a nine-year-long case against Asia Bibi, a Christian sentenced to death for blasphemy in the country.^[1] The highest court of the country reviewed the decision of the lower courts and declared Bibi to be innocent due to insufficient evidence. In the aftermath of the court's decision, the entire country was shut down by supporters of religious parties who aggressively demanded that the court reverse its decision.^[2] This, yet again, opened the debate about blasphemy laws in the country, and how they are often misused either to target innocent individuals belonging to a religious minority group or for financial



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gain. The laws range from capital punishment to incarceration for various offenses under the country's penal codes. These laws sometimes end up violating basic human rights, especially for the minority Ahmadi community who are criminalized for preaching or propagating their faith openly.^[3] Furthermore, these laws have played a part in radicalizing factions of society such that the ruling is not accepted by right-wing religious parties who threaten to take the law into their own hands.

In the country's 2018 general elections, several religious political parties promised stricter enforcement of blasphemy laws and subsequently ended up receiving a large number of votes.^[4] Such a scenario, where blasphemy laws are supported by popular vote, has made it even more difficult for the national government to amend them over time. Pakistan was also blacklisted by the United States late last year in December 2018 for religious freedom violations, illustrating the mounting Western pressure put on the country to reform its blasphemy laws.^[5] Because of these events and increasing intolerance in the country, it becomes all the more pertinent for the Pakistani government to intervene. In order to ensure an inclusive and healthy society, there is a need for the government to impose strict regulations against the misuse of blasphemy laws. Discriminatory laws that promote persecution such as the ones against the minority Ahmadiyya community must be immediately repealed to ensure equal citizenship rights for all citizens.

An Overview of Pakistan's Blasphemy Laws

Blasphemy laws were originally introduced in 1927 before the independence of India and Pakistan when the region was still under colonial rule.^[6] At that time, the laws were equally applicable to all citizens of the British Raj and did not target any particular community or religious ideology. Most of the additions to these laws which specifically target religious minorities, however, were introduced by former dictator Zia-ul-Haq who ruled the country from 1977 until 1988. These additions included capital punishment for anyone involved in the blasphemy of the Prophet of Islam, life sentences for anyone who defiled the Quran, and prison sentences and fines for other religious offenses. These laws also made it an offense for Ahmadis to identify as Muslims, punishable by either three years imprisonment, a fine, or both.^[7] Ahmadis subscribe to the Ahmadiyya sect, a reform movement within Islam, the foundation of which was laid down by Mirza Ghulam Ahmad in the late nineteenth century in India. The sect is considered heretical by mainstream Muslims due to the Ahmadi belief that their founder was the second coming of Jesus which goes against the principle of finality of Prophethood as understood by the majority of Muslims.^[8]

Historical Context: Blasphemy Laws Linked with Increased Radicalization

Pakistan is a signatory of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Article 18 of which emphasizes the "right of freedom of thought, conscience and religion" and the freedom to practice and observe one's religious practices. However, anti-Ahmadi laws that are part of Pakistan's Penal Code go against this Article by barring the group's right to identify and practice as Muslims.

A brief analysis of blasphemy cases recorded in the past paints a very grim picture of the way blasphemy laws are being used currently. From their introduction in 1927 until 1986, only fourteen blasphemy cases were reported. However, this number swelled to over 1,500 in 2017.^[9] These laws tend to target non-Muslim minorities disproportionately. Although non-Muslims make up only four percent of Pakistan's population, about fifty percent of the blasphemy cases in the country have been reported against them.

Within a context of pervasive discrimination, even an allegation of blasphemy sounds a death knell for the accused because vigilante justice normally precedes legal action. Examples of this may be observed in the lynching cases of the student Mashal Khan in Mardan and the Christian couple Shama and Shahzad Masih near the town of Sheikhpura. From 1927 to 2018, fifty-one people have been murdered before their blasphemy trials were over.^[10]



Legislative Failures

Despite repeated suggestions of introducing harsh penalties for anyone who wrongly accuses another person of committing blasphemy, the legislative bodies in Pakistan have failed to pass such a law. Efforts were made to introduce a bill by the country's Senate that advocated for the same punishment for those who falsely accused another person of blasphemy as for those that actually committed the crime. Once the gesture was met with intense public critique, the current government's senators requested to withdraw the bill.^[11] The country's parliament has been marked by its reluctance to make progressive strides towards an equal and non-discriminatory society.

Compounding this reluctance is the second amendment of Pakistan's constitution, introduced in 1974, which explicitly declares Ahmadis as non-Muslims, effectively violating their basic human right to self-identify.^[12] This legislative environment, motivated by the desires and influence of religious clergy, makes the targeting and discrimination of Pakistani Ahmadis ceaseless.

Dr. Atif Mian, State Neglect and Institutional Discrimination

The new administration that came into power in 2018, promised to bring in a team that would be based on merit rather than political nepotism. Dr. Atif Mian, an economics professor at Princeton University and the author of the well-known book *House of Debt* which discusses the mortgage crisis in the United States, was placed on an eighteen-member economic advisory council for Pakistan. The job of this council was to advise the Prime Minister and the Finance Minister on economic and financial matters. However, there was a massive outcry from religious parties who threatened to rally in the streets if Mian was not removed from office due to his Ahmadi faith. The government's initial reaction was to keep Dr. Mian on the council. In fact, the country's Information Minister shared sentiments that Pakistan belongs to all, irrespective of their religious beliefs. However, within twenty-four hours of this statement, in the face of mounting pressure from right-wing religious parties, the government changed its position. Dr. Mian was requested to step down in order to avert a public "law and order" situation.^[13] Hate and intolerance of this extent, where people are prevented from serving in positions of power based on their beliefs rather than their merit and skills, has resulted in a large number of the country's Ahmadiyya community to leave the country and seek refuge abroad.^[14]

The government has not only declared the Ahmadis as non-Muslims and banned them from acting or identifying as Muslims, it has also made clear that an Ahmadi has no place in the top echelons of the country's military, bureaucracy, or government due to their faith. Although the Ahmadi community gave the country its first Nobel Laureate and foreign minister, as well as played a vital role in the country's creation, their persecution has been neglected or exacerbated by the state.^[15] In addition to the Ahmadis, Christians, Hindus, and other minorities too sometimes find themselves treated as second-class citizens. For example, the constitution makes it impossible for a non-Muslim to serve as the head of the country, effectively instituting barriers that limit the minority group's possibilities.

The Popularity of the Religious-Right

In addition to state neglect and institutional discrimination, the harm waged on religious minorities has facilitated the popularization of radical, religiously bigoted political parties. This popularity can be gauged from the 2018 general elections. Tehreek e Labbaik, one religious political party led by a firebrand cleric, Khadim Hussain Rizvi, bases its entire political platform on strengthening blasphemy laws in the country and earned over two million votes.^[16] Muttahida Majlis-e-Amal (MMA), a political conglomerate of several far-right conservative religious groups, managed to secure over two and a half million votes.^[17] Since these parties presented no practical economic or



social solutions apart from their emphasis on being the protectors of religion and promoting intolerance against minorities, they ultimately failed to secure a majority of the electorate. Parties such as these are an obstacle toward the reform of blasphemy laws in the country, and often threaten to shut down the country using their immense local-level power and influence, whenever any efforts are made to rectify such legislation.

Efforts Towards De-Radicalization

To address rising intolerance in Pakistan's society, several measures proposed by human rights agencies and social policy experts have been suggested. A common recommendation is for the state to adopt pro-equity legislation that safeguards against the influence of religious and interest groups, forcing state actors to remain impartial in its treatment of all citizens.

Even if all discriminatory legislation is repealed and replaced, addressing the stain of intolerance fueled by the decade-long state policy of indoctrination will take a more holistic approach. Eminent Pakistani historians like K.K. Aziz have highlighted how the country's textbooks promote a version of history that reinforces intolerance and sometimes hatred towards minorities.^[18]

To make tolerance a norm and foster the acceptance of diversity and differing opinions, curriculum reform at the most basic level of education is needed to impart a more rational and secular way of thinking for the country's next generation. The Ministry for Education can potentially play a huge role by introducing new narratives in compulsory Pakistani history classes that focus more on celebrating diversity and bridging differences rather than reinforcing divide and spreading hatred. The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony also needs to be taken on board as one-tenth of the children in the country are enrolled in religious seminaries locally known as 'madarassas'.^[19] These madrassas often end up becoming hotbeds of intolerance as their curriculum tends to be more conservative than the parallel national education board system.

Similarly, there is a need to promote a more tolerant and progressive interpretation of Islam to act as a counter to the more hardline, extremist narratives. This can be achieved by encouraging progressive religious scholars that focus on peace and harmony like Ghamidi, using a policy similar to "Enlightened Moderation" that was introduced by President Pervez Musharraf in 2004.^[20] This was an effort to modernize the approach of the population towards religion in order to give rise to a more rational mindset. Scholars such as Ghamidi also strongly criticize the blasphemy laws as being un-Islamic, as according to their interpretation, blasphemy is not a punishable offense in Islam. Such a school of thought needs to be mainstreamed through print, electronic, and social media by the government, as it has the potential to shift the way the masses think about blasphemy. It is only through a top-down, soft approach of de-radicalization that the issue of fanatic religiosity can be addressed at a larger scale in the country.

Conclusion

In the 1980s, blasphemy laws in Pakistan were made a part of state policy. Today, they have stained the country so much so that Pakistan's top security forces and state factors feel hesitant to act against it. Eminent social policy experts in Pakistan often argue that there are no solutions to this trend of intolerance, as it now resonates with the masses of the country. They also point towards a need to de-radicalize the country using a top-to-bottom soft approach, which requires interventions such as curriculum reformation, and the adoption of pro-equity policies that promote impartiality toward all citizens.^[21] Solutions to this issue propose state secularization or, at least, the adoption of a modernized practice of Islam. Without any effective interventions in this regard, the country can expect to see more extrajudicial punishment, an increase in social harm waged on minority groups and the migration of a significant chunk of its educated population as they flee abroad to escape persecution and intolerance.



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DODGING BULLETS: THE LIFE OF AN AHMADI MUSLIM IN PAKISTAN

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Pictured: Three Ahmadis were killed in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, over allegedly blasphemous Facebook posts in 2014.



There are over four million Ahmadi Muslims across the globe, with communities in over two hundred countries. Mirza Ghulam Ahmad founded the religious sect in Punjab in 1889, during British colonial rule of India.

Ahmadis believe that their founder was the Messiah foretold by the Prophet Mohammed in the Quran – a belief which puts them at odds with the majority of Muslims, and has been the source of ongoing persecution. In Pakistan, followers of the sect have faced legal and social discrimination for decades, and in 1974 more than a hundred Ahmadis were killed in an anti-Ahmadiyya riot in the country.

Now two Ahmadi Muslims, who fled religious persecution and found refuge in Britain, want to raise awareness of the suffering their community faces. Naseer and Amir spoke to Backbench at Morden Mosque Hall about their experiences.

Naseer grew up being bullied by his fellow school pupils, his teachers, and quite often his own friends. At school he was not allowed to read the Quran because an amendment to the country's constitution meant that Ahmadis were not classed as true Muslims.

'In Pakistan there is a terrible situation,' said Naseer, 'while these anti-Ahmadiyya laws exist, Ahmadi Muslims are not permitted to practice their faith or openly declare it and tell others about it.'

Watch: Naseer and Amir tell Backbench about their persecution in Pakistan.



<https://youtu.be/W0JMS4oE1Qs>

'When I passed my year 5 exams when I was a child, even at that age, my school teacher made it known to me that I was a non-Muslim. He did so by writing on my school certificate that this child is non-Muslim.'

Growing up, Naseer, whose whole family are part of the Ahmadiyya community, did not understand why people told him he was a heretic. 'Nowadays the media has filled people up with so much poison,' he explained, 'kids can't even let others know they're Ahmadi Muslim or else they'll be bullied.'



In 2013 Naseer's brother was targeted because of his faith, and shot in the arm. Naseer and his family were insulted and discriminated against when they sought justice. 'Even when I was fighting the case, the court reader was using derogatory language against me,' he said. He was described as a 'Qadiyani' - a derogatory term for Ahmadis.

After receiving death threats about the trial, Naseer decided to drop the case, and later became a youth leader in his local village – 'an extremely difficult task' he explains, because people were being encouraged to 'boycott Ahmadi Muslims.'

'These kinds of incidents are happening against Ahmadi Muslims every now and then. No one can say anything against the clerics. And that is why life was too difficult to continue in Pakistan and so I migrated out.' Naseer came here with his family October 11 2018 and was granted his status in March 2019

Watch Amir's unique story, along with more of Naseer's, in the video above.

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Protesters burn a poster of Aasia Bibi after the Supreme Court overturned her conviction under the blasphemy law, Hyderabad, Pakistan, November 1, 2018. [Click to expand Image](#)

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(New York) – The Pakistan Supreme Court’s decision to quash the conviction of a man who had spent almost 18 years in prison for blasphemy spotlighted abuses inherent in the law, Human Rights Watch said today. On September 25, 2019, the court ruled that the prosecution failed to provide substantial evidence against Wajih-ul-Hassan, who had been sentenced to death in 2002 for writing allegedly blasphemous letters.

Pakistan’s government should drop the charges, order the release of all detainees held for blasphemy, and revise the blasphemy law with the ultimate aim of repealing it.

“The overturned conviction of a man imprisoned for 18 years highlights just one of many miscarriages of justice stemming from Pakistan’s vaguely worded blasphemy law,” said Brad Adams, Asia director. “Typically, it’s members of religious minorities or other vulnerable communities who are wrongly accused and left unable to defend themselves.”

Section 295-C of Pakistan’s penal code, known as the blasphemy law, carries what is effectively a mandatory death sentence. According to the Center for Social Justice, a Pakistani advocacy group, at least 1,472 people were charged under the blasphemy provisions from 1987 to 2016. Although there have been no executions, at least 17 people convicted of blasphemy are currently on death row, while many others are serving life sentences for related offenses.

A mere accusation of blasphemy can put the security of the accused at risk. Since 1990, at least 65 people have been killed in Pakistan over claims of blasphemy, based on media reports.

Among the most egregious blasphemy cases is that of Junaid Hafeez, a 33-year-old university lecturer who was arrested for blasphemy on March 13, 2013, in Multan, Punjab province. Hafeez has been in solitary confinement since June 2014. His trial has had numerous delays and is now before the eighth judge since it began in 2013.

On May 7, 2014, Rashid Rehman, who had been Hafeez’s lawyer, was fatally shot in his office in Multan, in apparent reprisal for representing Hafeez and others charged under the blasphemy law. Rehman had been threatened with “dire consequences” for defending Hafeez.

On October 31, 2018, Pakistan’s Supreme Court overturned the conviction of Aasia Bibi, who had spent eight years on death row. She was convicted under Pakistan’s blasphemy law after a June 2009 altercation with fellow farm workers who had refused to drink water she had touched, contending it was “unclean” because she was Christian. When pro-blasphemy law clerics threatened violence after the Supreme Court decision, Prime Minister Imran Khan in a televised speech said that the clerics were “inciting [people] for their own political gain,” and were “doing no service to Islam.”

Killings of people who have criticized the blasphemy law have had a chilling effect on efforts to reform the law. On January 4, 2011, Salmaan Taseer, the governor of Punjab province, was killed by his own security guard because Taseer had sought to repeal the blasphemy law. And on March 2, 2011, unidentified assailants killed the federal minorities affairs minister, Shahbaz Bhatti, an outspoken critic of the law.



The law has been increasingly used to jail and prosecute people for social media comments. In September 2017, Nadeem James, a 35-year-old Christian, was sentenced to death for forwarding a poem that was deemed insulting to Islam to a friend. In April 2014, a Christian couple was sentenced to death for sending an allegedly blasphemous text message to a local cleric.

The blasphemy law is often brought against members of religious minorities, frequently to settle personal disputes. But the government rarely brings charges against those responsible for physical attacks on people accused of blasphemy. In May, riots erupted in Mirpurkhas, Sindh, after a Hindu veterinarian was accused of committing blasphemy for allegedly providing medicines wrapped in a paper with Islamic verses printed on it. In an unusual law enforcement response, he was taken into protective custody and six people were charged with rioting.

Pakistan's government should repeal sections 295 and 298 of the penal code, which includes the blasphemy law and the law discriminating against the Ahmadiyya religious community. The government should also promptly and appropriately prosecute those responsible for planning and carrying out attacks against religious minorities.

"The Supreme Court took an important step by ending Hassan's horrific ordeal, though many more charged with blasphemy are languishing in Pakistani prisons," Adams said. "Repealing the blasphemy law is necessary to ensure that all Pakistanis can live free from fear of unjust punishment and discrimination."

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AHMADIS MADE TO FEEL LIKE OUTLAWS IN PAKISTAN

Ethnic minority fears for safety as Islamist sect seeks its destruction, legislation amended to rub out its achievements

Kamran Chaudhry, Rabwah Pakistan
March 5, 2019

Muhammad Usman must travel to Rabwah city in Pakistan's Punjab province every month so that his father can receive treatment for his ailing heart.

"His valves were damaged after he had a heart attack last September. But we can't find the kind of healthcare facilities or machines he needs at our local hospitals," the Sunni Muslim told ucanews.com.



On doctors' recommendations, the software engineer admitted his elderly father to the Tahir Heart Institute, an Ahmadi-sponsored hospital in Rabwah, 45 kilometers from his hometown Sargodha.

"The heart specialist charges just 280 rupees [US\$2] per visit. The prescription drugs also cost about 50 percent less than what we would pay elsewhere," he said.

Usman decided to take his father to the Ahmadi hospital despite the stigma he knew this could potentially generate among mainstream Muslim neighbors who regard the Ahmadi as pariahs and heretics.



Ahmadi sect residents visit a cemetery at Rabwah in Chiniot district of Punjab province in Pakistan in this March 2017 file photo. (Photo by Arif Ali/AFP)

Pakistan's [5-million-strong Ahmadi community](#) faces many challenges and persecution at the hands of majority Sunni Muslims and a legal system that protects Sunni interests, they claim.

Activists say they are punished for their belief system, which posits sect founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad as a prophet and Masih Maud as the promised Messiah, or a metaphorical second coming of Jesus. This is considered heresy in mainstream society.

As a result, former prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared them non-Muslims via a constitutional amendment in 1974, one year into his four-year term of office, after he had already served as president for nearly two years.

Zia-ul-Haq, a four-star general who served as the nation's sixth president from 1978-88, followed up on this by promulgating an ordinance that made it a punishable offense for Ahmadis to practice Islam.

From April 1984 to the end of the last year, statistics show that 265 Ahmadis were killed in Pakistan, with 386 assaulted for their faith, and around 100 Ahmadiyya places of worship demolished, sealed, set on fire or forcibly occupied.

At least 69 have been denied burial in common cemeteries while the families of 39 deceased Ahmadis have had to watch their loved ones' remains disinterred due to disputes.

Meanwhile, the government of Punjab has banned the written works of the sect's founder and prohibited the publishing of the Quran or any of its translated versions by Ahmadis.

Moreover, Ahmadis are not allowed to hold open-air rallies, conferences or sports events in [Rabwah, the sect's headquarters in the country](#). The ban has been in place for 35 years.

Pouring fuel on the fire, about 35 members of the municipal committee of Sialkot city in Punjab demolished a house of great historical significance to members of the Ahmadi community all over the world last year.

Later, a mob of 600 men demolished a nearby Ahmadi place of worship.

The sanctuary

An Islamist religious sect called the Movement of the Finality of Prophethood (Tehreek Tahafuz e Khatme Nabuwat) has been openly calling for its adherents to attack Ahmadis.

This, coupled with the assassination of visiting Canadian-American cardiologist Mehdi Ali Qamar in Rabwah in 2014, led the Tahir Heart Institute to beef up its security.

The broader Ahmadi community has also adopted protective measures as they also fear for their safety.

"Day patients must now use the hospital's heavily guarded back entrance," said Amir Mehmood, who handles communications for the sect.

"The staff never mention which town the patients come from, when they speak by phone, because we want the doctors to treat them without any fear of reprisal."

Mehmood said Ahmadi doctors from around the world volunteer their services at various hospitals, including the heart institute in Rabwah, for more than a month at a time, and at their own expense.

He said the medical practitioner who was slain in 2018 had been on a mercy mission at the time.

In lieu of a government-run health facility, the Tahir Institute is one of two hospitals in the city managed by Ahmadis. The community also sponsors eight schools and two universities there.

"Five of our educational institutes, including a university, have remained in the hands of provincial authorities since 1972, when the government nationalized all schools and colleges run by religious minorities in Punjab and Sindh," Mehmood said.

"Most of the church-run schools were returned between 1985 and 1995. But we were never able to wrest back control of ours, despite the fact we still pay 10 million rupees [US\$140,000] a year in school expenses.

"And no bishops have ever visited our town, either Catholic or Protestant."

To avoid pejorative terms like *marzai* — a slur that plays on the rank of nobleman or prince — or *qadiani* — a reference to Qadian, birthplace of the "prophet" Ahmad — Ahmadi students who attend universities outside Rabwah generally prefer to hide their faith.

But they can still be identified by fairly easy giveaways, such as sticker slogans on their notebooks that read "Love for All, Hatred for None," meaning they still run the risk of being targeted because of their faith.

Qadian is located in Gurdaspur district of the Indian-controlled side of Punjab, where the sect was first established in 1889.

However, Rabwah, which sits on the banks of the Chenab River, is now considered a sanctuary for Pakistani Ahmadis.

Police guards and young Ahmadi volunteers protect the 70 or so places of worship for their faith in the city.



[Forbidden from using loudspeakers to announce calls to prayer](#), known as Azaan, locals strike stones on nearby electric poles to attract their respective congregations.

Misconceptions

Despite being on opposite sides of the Indo-Pakistan border, Qadian and Rabwah hold a shared belief in the Bahishti Maqbara, or "heavenly graveyard."

"They refer to the burial ground for tithe givers as 'heaven'. The neighboring graveyard for other members of our community is mocked as being hell. They say we take soil from Bahishti Maqbara and put it in the food we cook for other people. One woman even asked me if we eat cats," said Mehmood.

Saleem-ud-din, a community spokesperson, said he has no faith in the new government of Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan. The minority community has been boycotting polls over a separate electoral list that requires them to register as "non-Muslim" voters.

"We had high hopes when Khan added Dr. Atif Mian, a member of the Ahmadi faith, to his Economic Advisory Council," he said.

"But due to adverse pressure from clerics and their supporters, Khan made his first U-turn less than a month after becoming premier and [dismissed the Princeton University professor](#).

"Ours is a tale of tyranny. None of our nation's leaders have the integrity to challenge the hate literature and hate speech directed at Ahmadis. We have been victims of state-sponsored religious intolerance for as long as I can remember. An impartial political system is the only solution."

Last year, the National Assembly passed a resolution to [drop the name of the country's first Nobel laureate](#), nuclear physicist Abdus Salam, from a top Islamabad university due to his Ahmadi faith. Quaid-e-Azam University had formerly named its physics department after Salam, the most respected scientist the country has ever produced.

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A CRISIS FOR MINORITIES IN PAKISTAN

By [Rozina Ali](#)

March 29, 2016

When the bomb went off in Lahore's Gulshan-e-Iqbal Park, on Sunday, families were settled into the lull of Easter celebrations. Picnics were out and children were scattered across the playground. The suicide bomber walked purposefully to the [swings](#) before blowing himself up, along with the kids around him. More than seventy people died in the attack, at least twenty-nine of them children, and more than three hundred people were wounded. One reporter who arrived at the scene told



me that victims were rushed to the hospital in ambulances, taxis, private cars, and rickshaws, while surviving children were rounded up as security guards tried to find their families.

Jamaat ul-Ahrar, a splinter group of the Pakistan Taliban that has pledged allegiance to the Islamic State, took credit for the attack, [claiming](#) that it targeted Christians (in fact, more Muslims than Christians were killed). For nearly two decades, as terrorist attacks have intensified in the country, its minorities—Christians, Sufis, Shias—have been under assault. Mehreen Zahra-Malik, a Reuters journalist based in Islamabad, told me that the Christian families she spoke with in Lahore insisted that the government is doing its best to protect them. In the aftermath of past attacks, authorities had increased security at churches, especially on Sundays. Perhaps as a result, some surmised, the terrorists attacked a public park—not just hurting Christians, but Pakistanis of all faiths.



As family members mourn those killed in this week's terrorist attack at a Lahore park, Pakistan faces the difficult task of counteracting extremism without caving to the military or the country's hard-liners.

Photograph by Mohsin Raza / Reuters

The news of another attack came as no surprise in Pakistan, where [more people](#) are killed by terrorism than in Europe and the United States combined. In one of the country's deadliest incidents, the Taliban massacred a hundred and thirty-two children at an Army school in [Peshawar](#), in December, 2014. Lahore, too, has seen regular extremist violence. Jamaat ul-Ahrar attacked [two churches](#) last year, killing at least fifteen people. Still, Sunday's bombing, which was big, public, and in reality indiscriminate, came as a shock to the city. It reflected terrorism's alarming spread from the mountains of Northwest Pakistan and the chaos of Karachi into the heart of Punjab province, where Lahore—a city of history and poetry, fashion and music, famed foods and delicate gardens—is located.

Both Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and his brother, Shehbaz, the province's Chief Minister, hail from Lahore. Despite this—or perhaps because of it—the province has enjoyed relative autonomy, escaping the strong fist of the Army. While the Army has been conducting widespread counterterrorism raids in Karachi over the past two years, detaining thousands, Sharif's political party, the Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz), has refused to allow such troop levels into Punjab. Instead, it has relied on police and counterterrorism forces inside the province to weed out



extremists. Pakistan has regularly teetered between Army and civilian rule, and while 2013 saw the first transition from one civilian government to the next, the threat of military rule, especially in light of the government's failure to prevent recent terrorist attacks, is all too present.

Even as the tension between the military and political establishments came to the fore with the Lahore bomb blast, the government was under severe pressure from religious hard-liners in the capital of Islamabad, a hundred and sixty miles south. Last month, the government [executed](#) Mumtaz Qadri, a policeman who assassinated Punjab's relatively liberal governor, Salman Taseer, in 2011. Taseer was trying to reform Pakistan's blasphemy laws, which criminalize desecration of holy (mainly Islamic) places and books, and he had defended a Christian woman, Asia Bibi, who was given the [death penalty](#) by Punjab's government for insulting the Prophet Muhammad (the sentence was later overturned).

When Qadri killed Taseer, right-wing religious groups lauded him as a hero. This weekend, tens of thousands of his supporters, members of the Barelvi movement of Islam, [marched into Islamabad](#) to protest his hanging, setting fire to buses and metro stations and damaging property around the city. Since Sunday, their numbers have dwindled into the thousands, but the group has settled in front of the parliamentary building as police try to quell any more violence. They have presented the government with a list of [demands](#), which include implementing their version of Sharia law, removing secular and Ahmadi Muslim politicians from government, executing Asia Bibi, declaring Qadri a martyr, and releasing jailed Sunni clerics even if they were convicted of terrorism.

Unlike the Taliban, who follow the Deobandi and Salafi strains of Islam, Barelvis are relatively tolerant of minorities. Still, when I spoke with Raza Rumi, a commentator and analyst based in Ithaca, he said that blasphemy was a key issue for the Barelvis and that they condone violence to protect religion. Sharif's party, the P.M.L.(N.), has historically relied on right-wing groups such as the Barelvis for political support, but as the government moves toward tolerating a more outspoken civil society and clamps down on extremism (Rumi told me Qadri's execution would have been unthinkable five years ago), the right-wing base is pushing back. "These groups feel betrayed by Nawaz," Rumi said.

Yesterday, after closed-door deliberations and strong [statements](#) by Sharif that he will "avenge every last drop" of blood spilled in Sunday's attack, Army rangers entered Lahore for their first counterterror raids in the province. [More than five thousand](#) people have reportedly been arrested. The military's strong presence in the political heartland of the country could conceivably weaken the Sharifs' hold on power. Meanwhile, the protesters in Islamabad are in the third day of their sit-in. Some reporters speculate that government representatives are speaking with the protesters today, but so far authorities have neither cracked down on nor negotiated with them. Zahra-Malik, the Reuters journalist, articulated the question that almost everyone in Islamabad seems to have: "What is the government's strategy?"

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PAKISTANI MINORITIES: KIDNAPPINGS COVERED UP BY RELIGIOUS CONVERSION, MARRIAGE

By Ayesha Tanzeem

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ISLAMABAD - A judge in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, placed two Hindu girls, allegedly under the age of 18, in government custody Tuesday and ordered a "fair and transparent inquiry" into their circumstances that is to be presented to the court in a week.

The girls, Reena and Raveena, were allegedly forced to convert to Islam and marry Muslim men. Their family filed a police report saying they had been kidnapped from Ghotki in Sindh province, where a majority of Pakistan's Hindus live.



Pakistani civil society activists call for protection of Hindu girls at a protest in Hyderabad, Pakistan, March 26, 2019. A court in Islamabad has ordered protection for two teenage sisters from the minority Hindu community as investigators widen a p

But the girls filed a court petition saying they were over 18 and had willingly converted to Islam and married the men they wanted. They also sought protection from their family, claiming the family had harassed and threatened them.

The case has once again brought to the forefront the longstanding complaint in Pakistan's Hindu community that minor girls were being kidnapped, and that conversion and marriage were being used as legal cover to protect the abductors. The community also claimed the girls were threatened with harm to themselves or their family members to give false statements in court.

While the Hindu community has the largest number of such complaints, other minorities have faced the same issue. Last month, a Christian woman in the Punjab province reported that her 13-year-

old daughter was kidnapped from her home by several men. Her abductors claimed she had converted to Islam and was married to one of them.

Mohammad Sarfaraz Khan Aibak, the police officer conducting the inquiry, told VOA the girl had given an affidavit in court that she was 18 and knew what she was doing. He also said the girl "refused to take a medical examination" to determine her age and could not be forced to take one against her will.

Abiak claimed the family did not have a birth certificate. But the family's lawyer, Lazar Allahrakha, shared with VOA the copy of a church certificate called a "dedication certificate," often used by the country's Christian community in lieu of a birth certificate. He also shared a copy of a school certificate. According to both documents, the girl was born in 2005.

Pakistan law

Human rights lawyer Asad Jamal said even if a girl was a minor, under Pakistani law, marriage to an underage person could not be invalidated if she claimed she had done it willingly.

"The girl's statement is very important in such cases," he said.

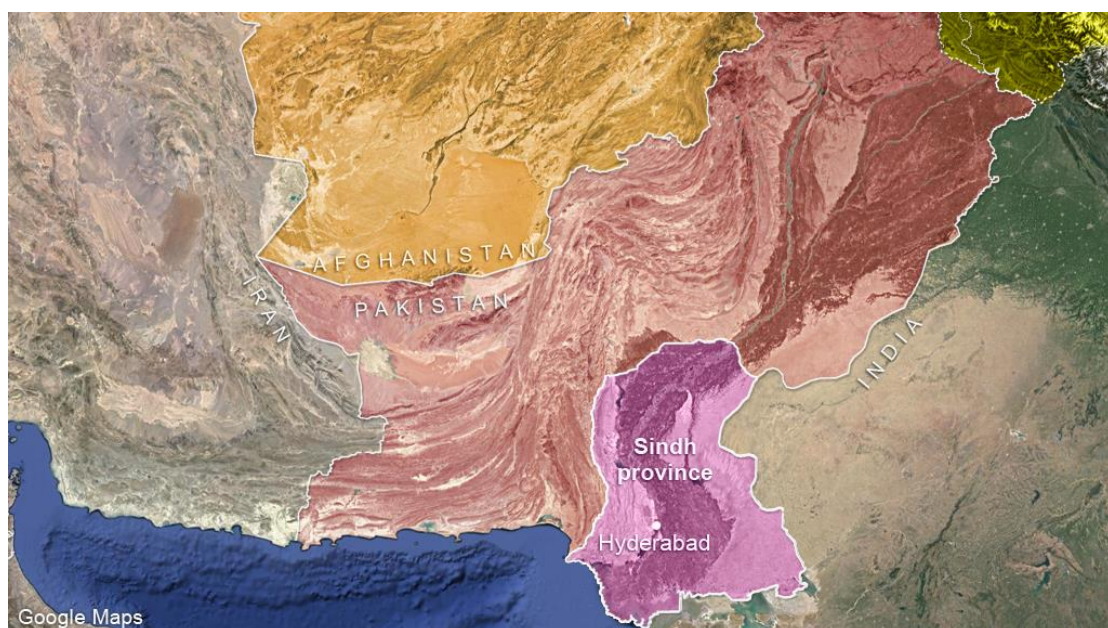
Minority communities complain that minor girls should not be allowed to make such life-altering decisions.

"They are innocent. They don't know anything at this age," said Kheeral Das Kohistani, a Hindu member of parliament from Sindh.

In addition, Kohistani said, there was no way to determine whether the girls were giving their statements under pressure unless they were taken away from the men who had allegedly abducted them.

"They should be kept in a shelter home for 15 to 20 days, and their parents should be allowed to meet them," he said.

VOA's own investigation in Sindh province two years ago showed that not all cases involved kidnapping or use of force. Some minor girls eloped with Muslim men against their family's wishes and changed their religion since marriage between a Muslim and a Hindu is not allowed in Islam. The parents often claimed kidnapping, since local police were unlikely to take action if it was determined the girls left willingly.



Authorities Investigate Cases of Forced Conversion of Sikh Minority in Pakistan

However, rights activists say taking a girl under 16 away from her legal guardians is illegal under any circumstances.

"The law says that if a girl is under 16, if she is taken away from her legal guardians even through enticement, whether you've made her believe she is in love or lured her away any which way, the law considers it kidnapping. It does not necessarily have to be use of force," said Jibran Nasir, a human rights lawyer who follows these cases closely.

Pakistan's law also says a girl under 16 cannot consent to sex. "So, if you had consensual sex with someone under 16, that is still considered rape," Nasir said.

Pir Mohammad Ayub Jan Sarhandi is one of two Muslim clerics in Sindh province the Hindu community blames for most of the conversions and marriages. He told VOA that he always ensured a young girl was making her decision freely without any pressure, but said he did not agree with the legal age for marriage.

"They say a girl is not mature till she is 18. We condemn this law. We do not accept it. We will never accept it," he said.

Several Pakistani clerics believe a girl is ready for marriage with her first menstrual cycle.

Reena and Raveena

The Sindh government took notice of Reena and Raveena's case when a video went viral of their father helplessly beating himself outside a police station and asking people to shoot him.

Seven people have been taken into custody for their alleged involvement in the marriages, including members of the husbands' families and the man who performed the marriage ceremony.

Prime Minister Imran Khan also ordered an inquiry, which Kohistani said was a good first step but not enough.

"He should come in the parliament and help make a law against it. That is what will give them instant relief," he said.

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HOW PAKISTAN'S CONSTITUTION FACILITATES BLASPHEMY LYNCHING AND FORCED CONVERSIONS

Islamic supremacy, sadly, is written into Pakistan's constitution.



By [Kunwar Khuldune Shahid](#) March 27, 2019

Over the past week, a student in Bahawalpur [killed his teacher over blasphemy](#) and two Hindu minor girls from Ghotki were [kidnapped and forcibly converted to Islam](#) before being married off. [Blasphemy linked vigilante violence](#) and [forced conversion of Hindu girls](#) not only prevail in Pakistan, but the perpetrators of these two atrocities usually enjoy complete immunity. That's because these acts of persecution and violence are rooted in an idea that the state has failed to curtail, but instead propagated: Islamist supremacy.

According to a Human Rights Commission of Pakistan [report](#), over 1,000 non-Muslim girls are forcibly converted to Islam every year. Meanwhile, over 4,000 blasphemy cases have been registered since 1986, with [at least 75 people](#) being extrajudicially killed over accusations of insulting Islam since 1986 – the year Sections 295-B and 295-C were added to the Pakistan Penal Code, which sanctioned the death penalty for blasphemy.

Both blasphemy lynching and forced conversion are rooted in the Islamist clauses [etched in the Pakistani Constitution](#). These range from the [preamble](#) naming the country an “Islamic” republic and granting sovereignty to Islamic scriptures to upholding violent penalties for [breaching Islamic injunctions](#).

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Supremacism of any form can eventually evolve into a rallying call for violence against “the others,” with this month's [Christchurch terror attack](#) being a gory manifestation of white supremacist militancy. Similarly, violence often is a corollary of religious supremacism, as exhibited by the [Hindutva surge](#) in India and the [radical Buddhists in Myanmar](#).

These aforementioned forms of ideological violence flourish despite the lack of legal sanction provided to them. That's where Islamist legislation in Pakistan, and a few [other Muslim countries](#), further adds to the vicious inertia by violently penalizing any Sharia violations.

Little wonder that the student who killed his professor for “speaking against Islam” [expressed no remorse](#). The murderer's interpretation of blasphemy in this case was the professor organizing a party with intermingling of male and female students.

When [outraging “religious feelings”](#) of only Muslims carries the death penalty, not only does it intrinsically subjugate other religions, but the intangibility and unquantifiability of the crime leaves it open to Islamist vigilantes.

Furthermore, in Pakistan's case – unlike Saudi Arabia and Iran for instance – the fact that the state [hasn't judicially executed anyone for blasphemy](#) further encourages mobs and vigilantes to take matters in their own hands. That is precisely what the Bahawalpur murderer [said](#): He accused the state of “freeing the blasphemers,” referring to the [acquittal of Christian woman Asia Bibi](#) last year.

The blasphemy law acts as a menacing deterrent in forced conversion cases as well, given that objections to “embracing Islam” can be similarly deemed sacrilegious. Furthermore, even though most of the forced conversions are child marriage cases, the state's reluctance to act is also rooted in the fact that [16 years remains the marriageable age](#) for girls in many parts of the country.

Not only do Islamist groups become the biggest hindrance in legislation against child marriages and the [upholding of women's rights](#), attempts to ban minors' religious conversion have similarly been shot down as “[blasphemous](#).” Of course, any conversions in the country are one-way, for [Pakistan](#)



is one of 13 Muslim states where leaving Islam, or apostasy, is punishable by death. The Islamist groups regularly cite the Sharia clauses in the Pakistani Constitution to shoot down any legislation that contradicts the narrowest interpretation of Islam.

Similarly, the ideological roots of forced conversions – most of which involve Hindu girls – can be traced to Islamic supremacism, branches of which self-manifest in the anti-Hindu bigotry etched in Pakistani curricula and mainstream narrative with the much-needed educational reforms yet to be carried out by the state.

Furthermore, given that most of these cases take place Sindh, the only Pakistani province that has established 18 as the marriageable age, even the limited action that is taken to counter the forced conversion and marriages is taken in light of Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act. That allows the state to shelve these cases as child marriages alone, ridding itself of any responsibility toward protecting the forced conversions of religious minorities.

Earlier this month the government took the historic decision of sacking a minister for exhibiting anti-Hindu bigotry. Arrests have also been made in the Ghotki sisters' case, further hinting at the state's intent to right its wrongs from the past.

Even so, any long-lasting change would need reforms in Pakistan's Islamist laws. Because as long as a state upholds one religious community over the rest and imposes that majority religion's laws on all of its citizens, it can neither truly safeguard the rights of its minorities nor can it claim to be a democracy.

Blasphemy lynching and forced conversions can only be curtailed by upholding human rights and ensuring that the civic law supersedes religious law. That, in turn, is only possible through secularization of the constitution.

<https://thedi diplomat.com/2019/03/how-pakistans-constitution-facilitates-blasphemy-lynching-and-forced-conversions/>



THE NEXT NOBEL LAUREATE OF PAKISTAN

A shared prize for Asma Jahangir and Asia Bibi would be a huge boost to minorities

Kamran Chaudhry, Lahore Pakistan

March 8, 2019

It is the world's most prestigious award, the highest recognition for intellectual achievement. Yet Pakistan's two Nobel Prize laureates share a controversial history.

Professor Abdus Salam won the Nobel Prize for Physics in 1979 to become the very first Pakistani and only the fourth person from the subcontinent to achieve this distinction. But no one received him at the airport when he returned home after receiving his award for his contribution to developing the theory of electroweak unification in particle physics.



“After his resignation Dr. Salam was science adviser to the state of Israel until death, and he stole Pakistan’s atomic secrets and passed them on to imperialists,” stated an opinion article in *The Daily Islam*, an Urdu newspaper, in 2017.

The great scientist was forgotten by both state and society due to his religious affiliation with the Ahmadi faith, [regarded as pariahs and heretics](#) by mainstream Muslims in the Islamic republic. He was banned from lecturing at public universities under pressure from religious student organizations. He left Pakistan in 1974 in protest after then prime minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared Ahmadis non-Muslims via a constitutional amendment.

The former chief scientific adviser to the president was buried in 1996 according to his wishes in Rabwah, the sect’s headquarters in the country, without a state funeral. Sadly, Salam was not even spared after his death. The word “Muslim” was deleted from his tombstone under court orders in 2014. The 20th anniversary of his death in 2016 passed without any significant mentions. Our education experts didn’t feel it necessary to mention him in school textbooks.

Still, I was heartened to see his portraits on the walls of Nusrat Jahan College, an Ahmadi-sponsored college for women in Rabwah.



Pakistani activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai at Swat Cadet College Guli Bagh during a visit to her hometown on March 31, 2018. It was her first return to the region where she was shot in the head by the Taliban in 2012. (Photo by Abdul Majeed/AFP)

Taliban victim seen as 'Western agent'

Malala Yousafzai, the second Pakistani to receive a Nobel Prize, last year attended the screening of a documentary on Abdus Salam at Oxford University’s Ahmadiyya Muslim Students’ Association. Her fate was no different from that of the Ahmadi professor.

The girls’ education activist was shot in the head by the Taliban in October 2012 but recovered and went on to win the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014. The now 21-year-old has been hailed around the world for campaigning for education, but the response to her in Pakistan has not been universally positive, with some seeing her as a “Western agent” on a mission to shame her country.

An association of Pakistani schools held an “I am not Malala” day in 2014, condemning what it called her support for controversial novelist Salman Rushdie. Rushdie in 1989 became the target of an

Iranian fatwa, or religious edict, calling for his murder for allegedly blaspheming Islam and the Prophet Muhammad in his book *The Satanic Verses*.

The controversy does not end with Nobel laureates. Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy, the only Pakistani to have won two Academy Awards (Oscars), is criticized by many for showing the negative side of Pakistan to the rest of the world through her films on honor killings and acid attacks on women.

Given the troubled history of our “heroes”, it might be possible to predict the next Pakistani candidate who falls into the same category of fighting for freedom. Amid the prevailing intellectual poverty, it is highly unlikely that we can win the highest honor in the fields of chemistry, literature, physics or medicine.

My hopes lie in peace activism, especially after the United States last December added Pakistan to its blacklist of “countries of particular concern” regarding protection for people to worship according to their beliefs.

And the Nobel Prize goes to ...

In the spirit of the ongoing Women's History Month, I vouch for not one but two candidates — iconic [activist Asma Jahangir](#) and Asia Bibi, the Catholic woman acquitted of blasphemy after spending eight years on death row.

Jahangir held three different positions as a U.N. special rapporteur and co-founded the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan. Known for fearlessly supporting women and minority groups for over 50 years, she criticized draconian anti-blasphemy laws and the politicization of state institutions. Religious minorities mourned their “mother” when she died last year. Speaking at her first death anniversary last month, many peace activists suggested lobbying to secure the Nobel Prize for her efforts.

The [high-profile case of Bibi](#) carries almost equal weight. Despite immense pressure from religious parties, Pakistan’s Supreme Court rejected a final petition challenging her release on charges of blasphemy on Jan. 29. The last I heard of her, she was being flown to Canada to join her family in asylum.

Oslo City Hall, which hosts the annual Nobel Peace Prize ceremony on the death anniversary of Alfred Nobel, now carries Bibi’s portrait. “The international community has found a perfect Nobel laureate; a woman belonging to a persecuted minority. Even the cloistered nuns on Norway know her story. They gave me a book about her as a gift,” a senior Pakistani priest told me.

A Catholic Nobel Peace Prize winner from Pakistan would certainly boost the spirits of our small church, which has also been dubbed the church of martyrs. A shared prize for Bibi and Jahangir for their struggle for the rights of all minorities would be fitting.

Many Pakistanis say Prime Minister Imran Khan deserves the Nobel Peace Prize for his statesman-like approach in the face of heightened tensions between Pakistan and India. Khan replies by tweeting that “the person worthy of this would be the one who solves the Kashmir dispute according to the wishes of the Kashmiri people and paves the way for peace and human development on the subcontinent.”

Pakistan cannot demand rights for Kashmiris until it guarantees equal citizenship to its own people, especially the community that gave us our first Nobel laureate.

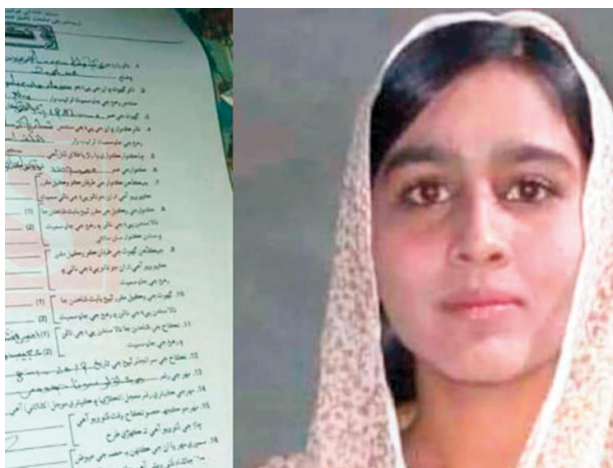


ANOTHER FORCED CONVERSION IN PAKISTAN'S SINDH

16-year old Hindu girl forced into marriage with a Muslim in Tharparka

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ISLAMABAD: Only days before the general election of 2018, Prime Minister Imran Khan had promised the nation that if he came to power, he would do all he could to prevent forced conversions/marriages of Hindu girls.



The 16-year old Hindu girl Anusha Kumari has been forced into marriage after her 'conversion' to Islam last week. Image Credit: AP

However, another Hindu girl has been reportedly converted and taken into marriage by a Muslim man in Thar (Sindh).

According to sources, a 16-year old Hindu girl Anusha Kumari, belonging to Meghwar caste and a resident of Salam Kot in Tharparkar District, has been forced into marriage after her 'conversion' to Islam last week.

The girl, according to reports, had been trapped by a Muslim man of the same locality who enjoys support of the local Muslim clergy.

Complaints and cases of forced conversions of Hindu girls are being reported on a regular basis and most of such cases are reported in Sindh's Tharparkar district where 80 per cent of the population belongs to the Hindu faith.

Neither the federal government of Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) nor the provincial government headed by Pakistan People's Party (PPP) have taken any steps to stop such incidents and legislate on the matter in the national and Sindh assemblies.

Kapil Dev, a human rights activist and member of the Hindu community from Tharparkar, told *Gulf News* that Anusha Kumari's forced marriage has once again conveyed a message to the Hindu community of the area that their children were not safe in Pakistan and they had taken a wrong decision in 1947 to stay in Sindh.

Kumari's case has not only dented the cause of religious harmony but has also violated the Sindh government's Child Marriage Restraint Act of 2013 that bars marriage of girls below the age of 18, Kapil said.

Kumari's birth registration form, school certificate and other documents all reveal she was born in 2002 and took admission in school in 2007.

When asked what if she herself has taken the decision to embrace Islam and marry a Muslim man, Kapil said, "How can you expect from a girl who is merely 16 to take a decision that would affect her entire life? Besides, even if she has taken this decision of her own will, she will have to wait for two more years as marriage of a person below 18 is not permissible in Sindh."

Kapil said the only solution to such cases of forced conversions lies in legislation. The PPP government in its last tenure had worked on the bill and was to table it in the assembly but the PPP co-chairman and former president Asif Ali Zardari intervened and withdrew it in the last moment.

According to him, the draft bill was withdrawn seemingly under the pressure of the religious forces. "It is ironic that a House of 171 members was taken hostage to a handful of religious zealots who don't even have a representation in the Assembly, Kapil lamented.

Imran Khan's ex-wife Reham Khan has also condemned the forced conversion of the Hindu girl. On her twitter page, Khan posted, "Another case of a Hindu female child forcefully converted & married off. Disgusting but there will be no action as politics comes first for all players."

According to a report by the 'Movement for Solidarity and Peace' in Pakistan, an estimated 1,000 Christian and Hindu women are forced to convert and marry Muslim men every year.

<https://gulfnews.com/world/asia/pakistan/another-forced-conversion-in-pakistans-sindh-1.61620767>



PAKISTAN'S AHMADI COMMUNITY FACES GROWING DISCRIMINATION, REPORT SAYS

Saad Sayeed | MAY 6, 2019

ISLAMABAD (Reuters) - Pakistan's Ahmadi community faces growing institutionalized discrimination fanned by last year's election campaign by Prime Minister Imran Khan, the minority movement said in a report issued on Monday.

Ahmadis, a group that originated in British-controlled India in the 19th century who see themselves as an Islamic movement, are regarded as heretical by orthodox Muslims and forbidden from calling themselves Muslims or using Islamic symbols in their religious practices.



They face discrimination and violence over accusations their faith insults Islam and community leaders say legislative moves in 2018 and anti-Ahmadi rhetoric during the elections have entrenched legalized hate.

“Ahmadis have no religious freedoms in Pakistan and recent actions taken by the authorities mean that the situation is going to deteriorate even further and make it impossible for Ahmadis to carry on with their everyday lives,” spokesman Saleem ud Din said in a statement.

Religious discrimination has long been a problem in Pakistan, a mainly Sunni Muslim state of more than 200 million people, with attacks against Shi’ites, Christians, Hindus and Sikhs in recent years.

Ahmadis have faced particular pressure since a 1974 constitutional amendment which declared them non-Muslim and a ruling a decade later by military ruler General Zia ul Haq explicitly forbidding them from calling themselves Muslim.

Two major events underlined in the report are a High Court verdict requiring citizens to declare their religion when applying for identity documents, which rights activists said specifically targeted the Ahmadi community.

The other was electioneering by Pakistan’s main parties, including the prime minister’s party, in which they have supported religious laws and anti-Ahmadi groups to curry favor with the religious right.

The Ahmadi community, in a statement on the report, accused Khan of fanning “the flames of religious hatred against Ahmadis”.

Khan’s office did not respond to request for comment.

The Ahmadis consider themselves Muslims. But their recognition of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who founded the sect in 1889, as a “subordinate prophet” is viewed by many Sunnis as a breach of the Islamic tenet that the Prophet Mohammad was God’s last direct messenger.

The report said 62 Ahmadis were booked under discriminatory religious laws in 2017 and that more than 2,500 anti-Ahmadi news items appeared in Pakistan’s Urdu-language newspapers.

In May, a mob attacked a 100-year-old Ahmadi mosque in eastern Pakistan, spurred by the words of a cleric.

“It is not just extremists who carry out hate campaigns against Ahmadis, but the political class also fans these flames too,” Din added.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-pakistan-ahmadis/pakistans-ahmadi-community-faces-growing-discrimination-report-says-idUSKCN1SC0R5>

CHRISTIAN TODAY

BLASPHEMY IN PAKISTAN: A CAUSE OF SUFFERING FOR SO MANY CHRISTIANS

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Supporters of the Tehrik-e-Labaik Pakistan party chant slogans after Asia Bibi's acquittal. Reuters

Asia Bibi is now free but Release partners in Pakistan say there are 218 other Christians who still face blasphemy charges – a disproportionate number of those accused.

And when they are accused, individuals, families and entire communities face violence at the hands of vigilantes.

The British Pakistani Christian Association believes nine out of ten Pakistanis still consider Asia Bibi to be a blasphemer, making her a target for assassination.

According to the BBC, since 1990 more than 70 people have been killed by lynch mobs after being accused of blasphemy.

And Amnesty International describes a large increase in blasphemy cases since the 1980s: "According to [the National Commission for Justice and Peace] NCJP, a total of 633 Muslims, 494 Ahmadis, 187 Christians and 21 Hindus have been accused under various provisions on offences related to religion since 1987."

Since that figure was compiled Release partners put the number of Christians higher – at 218.

Islamist influence

The influence of Islamist parties in Pakistan is growing.

Islamist parties are calling for a tightening of Sharia (Islamic law). At their most extreme, they are campaigning for a harder line against blasphemy. The Tehreek-e-Labbaik (TLP), is calling for blasphemers to be put to death. During the elections the party's slogan was 'Death to blasphemers'.

After the initial Supreme Court decision, TLP supporters flooded streets in several cities calling for Asia Bibi to be hanged and the government to be overthrown. After a long, tense standoff, the ringleaders were arrested.

TLP banners have depicted "holy warriors" who have murdered alleged blasphemers. These include Mumtaz Qadri, the bodyguard who assassinated Punjab governor Salman Taseer after he called for the repeal of the country's blasphemy laws.

In March 2011, the only Christian member of the cabinet was shot dead for backing his call to change the blasphemy laws.

Minorities Minister Shahbaz Bhatti had earlier received death threats for speaking out. Even to want to discuss the blasphemy laws was, it seemed, an act of blasphemy.

Prime Minister Imran Khan has since apparently nailed his colours to the mast over the blasphemy laws. He said, "We are standing with article 295c and will defend it."

Section 295c is the blasphemy clause that mandates the death penalty for any "imputation, insinuation or innuendo" against Islam's prophet Mohammed.

Repeal

Release International has long campaigned for the repeal of the blasphemy laws. These notorious laws are often used to target minorities and to take out rivals.

Few accused of blasphemy can live in safety, even if they are acquitted. Extremist vigilantes see it as their religious duty to put them to death.

Christians face harassment in Pakistan in a variety of ways. Hundreds of women and girls are abducted each year, and many are forced into marriages with Muslim men.

Christians are harassed for wearing religious symbols and have been targeted by Islamic State terrorists and the Taliban. The most extreme case was the Lahore bombing in Easter 2016 of a children's play area, frequented by Christians.

Release is training Christian leaders in Pakistan and teaching villagers to stand firm against persecution and discrimination. Release is also producing and distributing radio programmes and video materials, as well as portions of Scripture.

Release International CEO Paul Robinson said: "In the Asia Bibi case, the Supreme Court revealed what Release has been saying for years, that accusations of blasphemy can be malicious and built on lies, simply to settle scores. These blasphemy cases – and the blasphemy law itself – must now come under review."

<https://www.christiantoday.com/article/blasphemy-in-pakistan-a-cause-of-suffering-for-so-many-christians/132383.htm>



South China Morning Post

DRIVEN FROM PAKISTAN, AHMADI MUSLIMS FIND PARADISE. IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

Ali Raj

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- In Pakistan, Ahmadis have been subjected to routine violence and discrimination and are not even allowed to call themselves Muslim
- But in a tiny corner of Micronesia they have finally found peace



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Children play basketball in the court next to the Marshall Islands' only mosque. Photo: Sajid Iqbal

Nestled along a backstreet behind the courthouse in downtown Majuro, capital of the Marshall Islands, is a mosque that looks like any other mosque in the world. A cinder block building, covered with a gabled roof that supports two minarets, its paint combining the cerulean blue of the lagoon and the white of the ocean waves. The Arabic inscription on the entrance proclaims the unity of God and the prophethood of Mohammed. A speaker sounds the call to prayer five times a day.

Had this mosque existed in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in the same shape, it would have run the risk of being attacked and vandalised by religious extremists, or padlocked by the government for violating the 'copyright' to practice the world's second-largest religion.



The Ahmadi mosque in the Marshall Islands. Photo: Sajid Iqbal

The mosque belongs to the Ahmadiyya Muslim community, an Islamic revivalist movement that has its origins in 19th century South Asia. The community considers its founder, Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, to be the promised messiah and a spiritual successor of the Prophet of Islam, challenging the majority belief in the finality of Mohammed's prophethood.

Following the creation of Pakistan in 1947, the community moved its headquarters to Rabwah, a city in the province of Punjab. Religious extremists soon began attacking them, and in 1974, after decades of riots, Pakistan declared Ahmadis non-Muslim. Ten years later, it snatched from them the

right to practice the religion, or ‘present’ themselves as Muslims by doing Muslim things – the only law of its kind in the world. They cannot say the Islamic greeting, cannot make their places of worship look like mosques. A violation can lead to a fine and a maximum of three years behind bars.

Since then, Ahmadis have been subjected to routine violence and discrimination in the country. In the summer of 2010, an Ahmadi mosque in the Pakistani city of Lahore was attacked. Nearly 100 were massacred and another 120 were injured.

In a report submitted to the United Nations Human Rights Council just last month, the UN Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion Ahmed Shaheed lambasted Pakistan for what he called “systematic persecution” of the Ahmadis by means of “state-sanctioned discrimination.” Pakistan said Shaheed’s findings were “grossly exaggerated”.

According to the community, last year four of their mosques in Pakistan were sealed, another two were set ablaze and two more were torn down. Two Ahmadis were murdered and another nine survived attacks, while 62 were booked and 15 were arrested on faith-based charges.

Thankfully though, inside the tiny island-nation some 4,600 miles away in the Pacific Ocean, Ahmadi Muslims have the right to have rights. “Ahmadis of the Marshall Islands are aware of their privilege to practice their religion freely,” says Sajid Iqbal, the Majuro mosque’s prayer leader.

In the largely Christian land facing economic and environmental uncertainty, Ahmadis first arrived in the late 1980s but it wasn’t until 2012 that they erected a mosque – their first and only in Micronesia. Sam Nena, a local convert who now lives in the United States to receive regular dialysis, and his wife donated the 3,300 square foot plot of land, a stone’s throw away from the ocean. The construction wasn’t easy. The Marshallese had previously had little to no interaction with Muslims and from what they saw in the news, they weren’t particularly keen on giving them refuge. Senators thundered against them in the legislature. Opponents pelted eggs and empty beer cans at the building. “People would throw rocks at those praying in the hall,” says Iqbal. A barbed wire fence was erected and the windows were reinforced with grille. The community’s motto, painted on a metal plate hung on the fence, was still discernible: “Love for all, Hatred for none.”



A prayer service at the Ahmadi mosque in the Marshall Islands. Photo: Sajid Iqbal

Efforts by the community to undo the resentment tell their own story of persecution and show from their actions a different side of Islam. Humanity First, the movement’s charity arm, began working in the country in February 2011, providing health care, remedial education for children and feeding the needy. It helped dispel misconceptions and the Marshallese gradually began to embrace Ahmadis as fellow citizens.



Sajid Iqbal delivers a sermon. Photo: Sajid Iqbal

James Matayoshi, mayor of Rongelap atoll, has been among those politicians who threw weight behind the Ahmadiis. “Christians here have been a little biased towards them,” he says. In Pakistan, the common people are forced by the state to participate in the discrimination. To obtain an ID, every citizen has to declare that they consider Ahmad an impostor and his followers outside the fold of Islam. As for the leaders, they tread a thin line when it comes to the community. Voicing support is out of the question. Mostly, they have to think twice before even expressing concern over Ahmadi persecution.



Pakistani cricket star-turned-politician Imran Khan. Photo: Reuters

Last summer, the populist politico Imran Khan became prime minister with the promise of change. His government formed a council of experts to advise it on curing the country’s ailing economy. Among the 18 specialists was Atif Mian, a prominent Princeton economist and a devout Ahmadi. Religious extremists threatened to agitate against the appointment and the government cowered. It asked Mian to step down and vociferously denied having a soft corner for the community. Global condemnation followed. Nearly 300 economists, including eight Nobel Prize winners, put out a statement in Mian’s support. Khan later admitted that this wasn’t the hill he was willing to die on.

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Iqbal, 28, is a bespectacled young man with a cropped beard and a gentle demeanour. He was born and raised in Toronto, Canada, where his parents had migrated from Pakistan to flee persecution.

He trained in Islamic theology at the community seminary for seven years and arrived in the Marshall Islands in 2017 to head the mosque.

Every day, Iqbal and his wife Maria wake up at around 5am to prepare for the morning prayer congregation, attended by both men and women in their respective halls. Iqbal's quarters are on the second floor. On the ground floor is the library and a community kitchen, where three meals are served daily and everyone is invited. Breakfast is usually attended by the local schoolchildren. For lunch and dinner, food is prepared for up to 80 people. Marshallese delicacies made with local fresh catch, coconut and rice are popular. The community has started a garden nearby to supply vegetables to the kitchen. It has recently been planted with spinach, tomatoes, cabbage, okra and pumpkin.

The Marshallese, themselves victims of centuries of colonisation and radiation from American nuclear testing, understand what victimhood feels like and are willing to give space to the religious group. But the fears are still there. "For us, it is still a little difficult. They are scared of us sometimes," says Iqbal. A threatening message on Facebook may arrive every now and then but the vandalism has stopped. Iqbal has been looking to hire the services of a translator. A friend referred someone who agreed to help out but wouldn't come to the mosque. He doesn't want to be seen as being associated with the Muslims.

<https://www.scmp.com/week-asia/society/article/3006385/driven-pakistan-ahmadi-muslims-find-paradise-marshall-islands>



PAKISTAN PM ACCUSED OF SOWING DIVISION

A new report says Imran Khan fanned religious bias against the Ahmadiyya during the 2018 election campaign

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Pakistan

Members of Pakistan's Ahmadiyya community have accused Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan of exacerbating religious hatred against them during the nation's 2018 election campaign.

Khan, in the lead-up to the July election that brought him to power, backed [anti-blasphemy laws](#) that include the death penalty as well as an oath for incoming politicians on the finality of the Prophet Mohammad.

Both provisions have been used against Pakistan's religious minorities, including about five million [Ahmadis](#).

In 1984, specific laws were introduced targeting Ahmadis as "non-Muslims" and forbidding their places of worship being called mosques.

[Saleem-ud-Din](#), the Ahmadiyya community's spokesperson in Pakistan, says about 400 Ahmadis have been martyred since, including during mob attacks.





Pakistani civil rights activists protest the killing of Ahmadis in Lahore in May, 2010. Over 80 people died at the hands of militants who burst into two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore. (Photo by Arif Ali/AFP)

Releasing a report detailing persecution of minorities in 2018, he said that as well as legal obstruction of Ahmadis preaching or talking about their faith, they face increasing difficulty in observing day to day religious obligations.

Repression included prosecutions in which Ahmadis were "dragged into unnecessary cases" and imprisoned.

"For many years now, the basic human rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan have been denied to them and this discrimination continued throughout 2018, indeed by various determining measures, it was worse than ever before," Saleem-ud-Din said.

The spokesman said that during the election campaign, candidates from all the major parties, including that of Imran Khan, fanned the flames of religious hatred against Ahmadis, who are placed on a separate voter list.

According to the new report, Ahmadis also suffer as a result of biased media coverage, with more than 2,300 allegedly false reports and over 300 inflammatory opinion pieces published against the community in the Urdu language press.

However, Saleem-ud-Din said no local media outlets had "reached out to us for an opinion or agreed to publish our point of view on these issues."

"Changes have also been made to the national identity card application form with the introduction of column number 38 which forces minority groups to declare on oath that they are non-Muslim," he said.

"Not only is this column discriminatory, but also completely unnecessary given that in earlier parts of the form, there are already columns which determine the religious identity of the applicant.

"The new column has been introduced specifically for Ahmadis, in order to force them to declare their own selves as being non-Muslim.

"It is not just extremists who carry out hate campaigns against Ahmadis, but the political class also fan these flames."

He cited the example of a conference held by the federal government last year called 'The Finality of Prophethood and the Responsibility of Muslims' during which incendiary proposals for action to be taken against the Ahmadi community were put forward.

Saleem-ud-Din added that the laws enacted in 1984 spurred the murder of Ahmadis as well as desecration of their places of worship and burial sites and the seizing of Ahmadi property.

The spokesman called for all anti-Ahmadi laws in Pakistan to be abolished and for Ahmadis to be given full rights as citizens of the country.

"It is imperative for the government to end the discriminatory laws against the community, not only for the sake of re-establishing the religious rights of Ahmadis in Pakistan, but for the betterment of the country itself," Saleem-ud-Din said.

"And we appeal to all just-minded Pakistanis to join us in working towards this goal."

In 1889 a man named Mirza Ghulam Ahmad founded the Amadiyya movement in what was then British-ruled India. Acceptance of him as what is portrayed as a so-called 'subordinate prophet' is viewed by many majority Sunni Muslims as breaching the tenet that the Prophet Mohammad was God's last direct messenger.

In recent years there has been increased persecution in Pakistan of religious minorities including Shia Muslims, Christians, Hindus and Sikhs as well as Ahmadis.

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GULF NEWS

PAKISTAN REJECTS US RELIGIOUS FREEDOM REPORT AS BIASED

Report said religious freedom conditions in Pakistan 'generally trended negative' in 2018

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Islamabad: Pakistan on Friday rejected the findings contained in a report by the US Department of State, on international religious freedoms, and said the document's segment on Pakistan was a compendium of unsubstantiated and biased assertions.

As a matter of principle, the Foreign Office said in a statement issued here, Pakistan does not support such national reports making observations on the internal affairs of sovereign states.

Pakistan therefore rejects these observations, the statement said.

"Pakistan is a multi-religious, multi-cultural and pluralistic society where people of different faiths are living together," the statement said, adding that their contributions to the society add to its richness and diversity and their rights are guaranteed under the Constitution of Pakistan.

These constitutional guarantees are underwritten by a vigilant judiciary that has demonstrated resolve to protect the fundamental rights — including religious freedoms — in recent high profile cases, the statement said.

According to the report issued by the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), religious freedom conditions in Pakistan "generally trended negative" in 2018.



“During the year, extremist groups and societal actors continued to discriminate against and attack religious minorities, including Hindus, Christians, Sikhs, Ahmadis, and Shiite Muslims,” the report said.

The Foreign Office statement said that Pakistan was implementing a comprehensive “National Action Plan on Human Rights” with focus on policy and legal reforms, access to Justice and implementing of key human rights priorities.

Officials have also targeted international/UN treaty implementation and implementation and monitoring mechanism for the Action Plan, the statement said.

Funds to the tune of Rs750 million (Dh16.8 million) have been allocated for implementation of the plan. The statement said Pakistan “has always played a positive role and engaged the international community”, including the US, with a view to have better and mutual understanding of the issue of religious freedoms, which are under stress around the world.

It said that Pakistan was of the view that all countries were obliged to promote religious harmony and have a duty to protect their citizens in accordance with national laws and international norms.

The statement said Pakistan has often raised its own concerns internationally including with the Western governments and the US over the growing trend of Islamophobia in their own countries.

At the United Nations, OIC and other platforms, Pakistan will continue to be part of global efforts to combat religious intolerance, discrimination based on religion and belief and Islamophobia, the statement said.

<https://gulfnews.com/world/asia/pakistan/pakistan-rejects-us-religious-freedom-report-as-biased-1.64924645>



WHY ARE PAKISTAN'S CHRISTIANS TARGETED?

30 October 2018

Pakistan's Christians, like other religious minorities in the country, have been the target of escalating attacks in recent years.

The attacks, on their residential areas and places of worship, have mostly been motivated by the country's controversial blasphemy laws.

But there have also been political motives.

The BBC's M Ilyas Khan explains more about the community and why it is being targeted.

How many Christians are there in Pakistan?

Pakistan is overwhelmingly Muslim but Christians and Hindus make up the largest minority groups, with each representing about 1.6% of the population.





Image copyrightAFP/GETTY IMAGESImage captionLahore is one of several cities with a significant Christian population

The southern metropolis of Karachi has a large Christian population, as do the cities of Lahore and Faisalabad.



Image copyrightAFP/GETTY IMAGESImage captionBesides Karachi, other cities like Lahore, Faisalabad and Peshawar also have Christian populations

There are countless Christian villages in the Punjab heartland, while there is also a sizeable population in the deeply conservative north-western Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, particularly in Peshawar city.

Before the partition of India, what is now Pakistan was a much more diverse place but tolerance has declined as society has become increasingly Islamicised and more homogenous.

Minorities used to make up 15% of the population in these cities. Now they account for less than 4%.

Are they an influential group?

The majority of Pakistan's Christians are descended from low-caste Hindus who converted during the British Raj - partly to escape the caste system.



Image copyrightAFP/GETTY IMAGESImage captionReligious minorities including Christians have been increasingly targeted amid the growing Islamicisation of Pakistan

Many provided labour in garrison towns. In fact, to this day, every cantonment city in Pakistan has an area known as Lal Kurti, which is traditionally where the Christians reside.

But Christian communities remain among the poorest sections of society and often still do menial jobs. Entire villages in parts of Punjab are Christian and their inhabitants work as labourers and farmhands.

However, there are sections of the Christian community that are more well off. Better educated and mainly settled in Karachi, they came over from Goa during the British Raj.

What all of them share, though, is a sense of vulnerability. This has seen a number of wealthier Christians leaving Pakistan to settle in countries like Canada and Australia as they feel the climate of intolerance in the country has become unbearable.

Why are they being attacked?

Muslims and Christians mostly co-exist amiably enough without frequent outbreaks of animosity.

But accusations of blasphemy have also often led to mob violence against Christians, while militant Islamists have also targeted the community.



Image copyrightAFP/GETTY IMAGESImage captionChristians mounted anti-Taliban protests following the 2013 Peshawar bomb attacks

Recent attacks include:

- **An attack on a church** in Quetta in December 2017 that killed nine people and injured 57

- **A suicide attack targeting Christians** celebrating Easter at a Lahore playground in March 2016 left 70 dead and more than 340 wounded
- **Two bomb blasts at churches** in Lahore in March 2015 killed 14 and hurt more than 70 people
- A twin suicide bomb attack at a **Peshawar church in 2013** left around 80 dead
- In 2009, nearly 40 houses and a church were burnt by a mob in **Gojra town in Punjab**, with eight people burnt alive
- In 2005, hundreds fled their homes in Faisalabad as churches and Christian schools were set on fire by a mob, after a resident was blamed for burning pages of the Koran

Since the 1990s, scores of Christians have also been convicted of "desecrating the Koran" or "blaspheming against the Prophet Muhammad", although experts say most accusations are fuelled by personal disputes.

While most were handed death sentences by lower courts, those sentences were often set aside by higher courts due to lack of evidence or because the complainants were found to be targeting the community for economic benefits.

In 2012, **a Christian girl, Rimsha Masih**, became the first non-Muslim to be acquitted in a blasphemy case when it was discovered she had been framed by a local Muslim cleric.



Image copyrightAFP/GETTYImage captionMany Islamists saw Qadri as a martyr and protested against his execution

Perhaps the best known example is that of **Asia Bibi**, a Christian woman from a Punjab village who in 2010 got into an altercation with some Muslim women and was later accused by them of having blasphemed.

Salman Taseer, the then governor of Punjab who stated that Pakistan's strict blasphemy law had been abused in the case, was later **murdered by his Islamist bodyguard**, Mumtaz Qadri.

Qadri was found guilty and executed in February 2016, prompting **mass protests**.

Pakistan's minister for minority affairs and a Christian leader, **Shahbaz Bhatti**, was assassinated in 2011 by the Taliban for speaking out against the law.

Are there any other reasons?



Image copyrightAFP/GETTY IMAGES
Image captionMany Christians are among the poorest in Pakistani society

Some of the violence is directly related to the American-led war in Afghanistan, so it has an expressly political motive.

Months after the US-led coalition attacked Afghanistan in late 2001, a **grenade attack on a chapel** inside a Christian mission hospital in Taxila city killed four people.

A couple of months later, gunmen executed six workers of a Christian charity in their Karachi office. These incidents, although isolated, have continued through the years.

Attacks on Pakistan's Christian and Hindu minorities could be part of a militant plan to send a message to the West or embarrass the country's civilian governments when they appear to be too friendly to the West.

This may also be a strategy by the country's powerful military which is known to have protected Islamist militants operating in Afghanistan and India, and has **supported anti-blasphemy vigilante groups in the past**.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-35910331>

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13-YEAR-OLD HINDU GIRL RAPED IN PAK

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A 13-year-old Hindu girl has been allegedly raped by two men after forcing her to drink liquor in Pakistan's [Sindh](#) province, [media reports](#) said on Saturday.



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The incident happened in [Tando Muhammad Khan](#) district on June 7 while the victim was on her way to purchase some groceries and in between the two suspects called her towards them and forced her to drink liquor after which they rape her, [the Dawn](#) newspaper reported.

After the victim did not return home, her father and brother went out looking for her. Later they found her in an unconscious state in a local ground near a sugar mill, the paper said quoting the FIR registered by the victim's father.

We found her in an open plot near a sugar mill and she was in a bad state. We rushed her to hospital and reported the matter to the police, the victim's father said.

After initial investigation, the police has arrested two suspects for their involvement in the alleged sexual assault.

They were remanded into police custody for four days by a local court in Tando [Mohammad Khan](#) on Saturday.

The victim who narrated her ordeal after regaining consciousness underwent a medical test at the civil hospital in [Hyderabad](#) where doctors confirmed that "sexual intercourse has taken place".

A medical examination of [the Hindu](#) girl has revealed evidence of rape, which is now being sent to the laboratory for a final report, another newspaper the Express Tribune quoted Dr [Maqbol Mallah](#) of the [District Health Office](#) as saying.

Tando [Mohammad Khan](#) SSP [Zulfiqar Talpur](#) said that the DNA samples of the girl and the two suspects have been taken for further investigation.

[Adviser](#) to [Sindh](#) Chief Minister on Information Murtaza Wahab said that the culprits involved in the teenage girl's rape will be brought to justice.

He said that the [provincial government](#) had received the initial police inquiry report on the matter.

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WHY PAKISTAN'S FIRST NOBEL LAUREATE COULD NEVER 'REST IN PEACE'

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Anand Kamalakar's powerful Netflix documentary, *Salam – The First ***** (Muslim) Nobel Laureate* — a biographical account of mathematician and theoretical physicist, Abdus Salam — is a poignant tribute to the genius who once saw himself as the world's first 'Muslim and Pakistani' Nobel laureate, but had to have the posthumous ignominy of having "Muslim" ['erased' from his own gravestone](#), and reduced to a second-class citizen in his home country.





Grave of Prof. Dr. Abdus Salam (1926-1996) in Rabwah. In the English inscription the phrase “the first Muslim Nobel laureate” the word “Muslim” has been erased with paint.(Photo Courtesy: Wikimedia Commons)

New York-based director Kamalakar, whose documentary was released on Netflix on 1 October, has handled a delicate and even controversial theme with great finesse, and as a result, the documentary has received several international awards and has been screened in over 30 cities across the world. But the driving force behind the documentary were its producers Omar Vandal

Why Ahmadis are ‘Non-Muslims’ in Pakistan

Not many in India are familiar with the sectional strife within Islam, except the knowledge that there are Shias and Sunnis. In reality, there are scores of fault lines based on tribal and sectarian identities. But the Ahmadi sect to which Dr Abdus Salam belonged, has had a chequered history in Pakistan. Founded in the 19th century in Qadian, now in Indian Punjab, the movement strongly supported the creation of Pakistan. But the Ahmadis have since faced intense persecution in Pakistan because they believe that their founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is the promised Mahdi or Messiah awaited by the Muslims.

A central tenet of Islam is that Muhammad (PBUH) is the last prophet.

However, the Mahdi occupies a different and distinct position in Islamic history, but many Muslims believe that the Ahmadi belief is tantamount to heresy.

Since 1974, a constitutional amendment has officially declared them to be ‘non-Muslims’ and have given them the status of ‘apostates’, something dangerous in Islam.

Abdus Salam: Typical South Asian Story of Hardship & Achievement

Salam’s was a typical story of South Asian achievement. Born in 1926 in a village in the Jhang region to middle-class parents, he studied by candle-light and saw electricity when he went to Lahore for higher education. He was fortunately nurtured by his family, and studied mathematics and won a scholarship to St Johns College, Cambridge. Upon his return in 1951, he was appointed Chairman of the Mathematics Department at the Lahore College University, at the young age of 25. But

frustrated by the lack of any research, and, more importantly, the anti-Ahmadi riots of 1953, Dr Abdus Salam went back to the UK in 1954. In 1957, he accepted a chair at the Imperial College, a position he held for life.

This appointment, in turn, gave him a leg up in Pakistan, which then designated him as the Chief Scientific Advisor to the President, who was the military dictator Ayub Khan, and he worked for the government till 1974.

Salam was the founder of the Pakistani Space Agency SUPARCO, and led the Theoretical Physics Group in the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission. Indeed, as the documentary shows, he was instrumental in the establishment of Pakistan's first nuclear power plant near Karachi.

Pakistani Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam's Life Work

His role in Pakistan's nuclear weapons programme has been ambiguously presented in the documentary. But it does say that Salam was one of those who attended the secret meeting convened by Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto in Multan in 1972, where Pakistan decided to embark on a nuclear weapons programme.

But today, Pakistanis are unlikely to accept that an Ahmadi played a significant role in their nuclear weapons programme.

Two years after the Multan meeting, Salam resigned from his government positions after Bhutto moved the Second Constitutional Amendment that declared Ahmadis as 'non-Muslims' in 1974. Salam's Islamic faith became deeper, and he then became an avowed campaigner against nuclear weapons. But he did not give up on Pakistan and his fierce loyalty to it.

The documentary dwells on the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) that he founded with the help of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) even before he won the Nobel.

The unique feature of this centre is to bring together physicists of the developing world with Western physicists, and carry on their research. In the era when there was no internet, this was a means of ending the kind of isolation Dr Abdus Salam had felt when he had returned to Pakistan from Cambridge.

People associated with Salam, his first wife Hafiza, his sons, associates and fellow physicists, his staff — all bring to life his work and personality. Indeed, some years ago, Pakistani physicist Pervez Hoodbhoy summed him up as being "strong, assertive, enthusiastic, vibrant, bluntly authoritarian, and with a mind sharp as a razor's edge".

Role of Religion in Abdus Salam's Life

Religion was a central driving force in Dr Abdus Salam's life. Indeed, he said in an interview, that '*Tauheed*' or the one-ness of God, played an important role in seeking unity among four forms of energy — strong nuclear, gravitational, electro-magnetic and weak nuclear forces. The achievement for which Salam got the Nobel, was to show the mathematical link between weak nuclear forces and electromagnetism. Salam came up with this around the same time that Steven Weinberg of MIT did, and the two, along with Sheldon Glashow, shared the Nobel for Physics in



1979. In addition to this, he had several other notable achievements in other fields of physics and mathematics.

An interesting facet of the documentary is the part which notes that the young Salam was actually onto the research on the laws of parity, which led to major discoveries in elementary particles.

But he was discouraged from proceeding because he was strongly discouraged by the celebrated physicist Wolfgang Pauli to publish his work. In 1956, Pauli publicly apologised to Salam for his role in discouraging him. The following year, two Chinese American physicists, Chen Ning Yang and Tsung-Dao Lee got the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1957 for their breakthrough paper in the area.

Like so many ironies that featured in his life, the timing of the award, too, came at a time when General Zia ul Haq — who had seized power in 1977 and hanged Bhutto — “supplemented” the Second Amendment to add further the disabilities against the Ahmadi community. Zia did meet him, somewhat reluctantly, but Dr Abdus Salam was feted elsewhere, including the AMU in India.

The Erasure of Identity

Actually, if anything, the director has been a bit too subtle in showing the boorish manner in which Pakistan treated Salam. When he died in Oxford at the age of 70 in 1996, his body was brought back to Pakistan for burial in Rabwah, the hometown of the Ahmadi community, whose name has been forcibly changed to Chenab Nagar to erase its association with the Ahmadis. The state refused to get involved in the burial of this hero, and no official functionary attended.

Some ‘good’ citizens of Jhang, near Rabwah, were present at the funeral to ensure that no rituals or prayers associated with Islam were conducted. The tombstone said ‘Abdus Salam, First Muslim Nobel Laureate’. Soon after, the police and a magistrate arrived to erase the word ‘Muslim’.

<https://www.thequint.com/voices/opinion/netflix-documentary-pakistani-nobel-winner-abdus-salam-ahmadi-faith-controversial-life>



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LIVING AS AN AHMADI IN PAKISTAN: ‘OUR HOME BECAME AN ENVIRONMENT OF FEAR’

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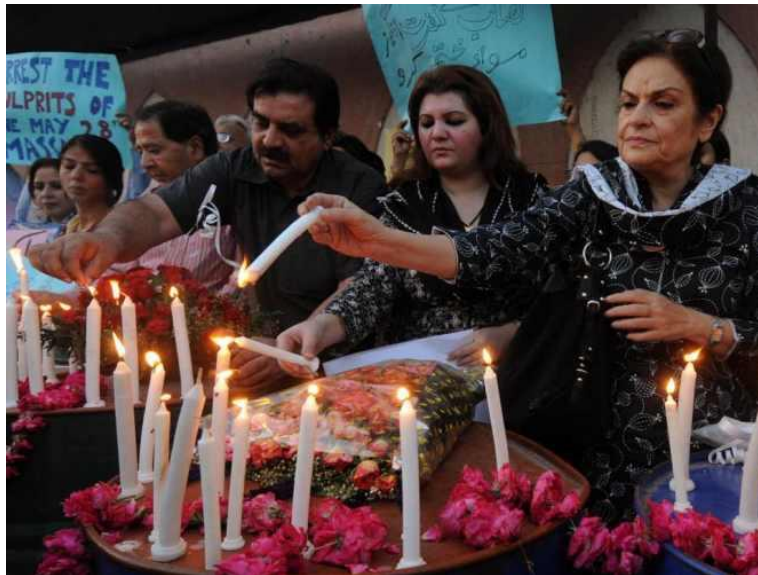
When they’re found out, shops refuse to serve them, estate agents won’t rent to them, and their neighbours stage a ‘social boycott’.

Raza Hamdani talks to Shafiq Ahmed about what life is like for Ahmadi Muslims in Islamabad



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Ahmadiyya is considered heretical by orthodox Muslims (AFP/Getty). The Muslim Times has the best collection of articles to [overcome sectarian divide among the Muslims](#)

I am waiting for 30-year-old Shafiq Ahmed* outside a cafe in Islamabad. He was very clear that this meeting should be in a busy public place. I get a table in a corner so we are away from the noisy environment.

After shaking hands, Ahmed looks around and, after a brief pause, says: “I think we should sit at that table in the middle.” I follow him and as he sits down, despite the cold weather, takes off his jacket and hangs it on the back of his chair. “I moved to Islamabad along with my family in the hope that we may not be targeted because of our beliefs in the federal capital. Alas, how wrong was I.”

Ahmed and his family are Ahmadi, part of a religious movement that considers itself to be Muslim and follows the teachings of the Quran. The Ahmadiyya believe that Ghulam Ahmad was the Mahdi (a prophet who, according to the hadith, would appear at the time of the second coming of Jesus Christ, and fill the world with justice and equity prior to the Day of Judgement), while Sunni and Shia Muslims believe the Prophet Muhammad was the last of the prophets. Many consider Ahmadis to be heretics.

Ahmed moved to Islamabad from Abbottabad around a decade ago, renting out part of a house in the suburbs. “In the beginning my decision to move to Islamabad turned out to be a right decision. I started my job and we were living a peaceful comfortable life.” But peace of mind and comfort were short-lived for Ahmed and his family. A year later, people started to talk, and prying eyes started to follow his wife and mother. The neighbourhood had found out they were Ahmadis.

But one incident changed everything. “My father woke up for an early morning walk and the gate wouldn’t open easily. So he pushed the gate harder and once he stepped out he looked at what was stopping the gate from opening and he saw stickers pasted on our gate. These stickers had anti-Ahmadi statements on them.”

https://www.independent.co.uk/news/long_reads/ahmadi-pakistan-muslim-minority-islamabad-shia-sunni-discrimination-a8957831.html

PAKISTAN'S RELIGIOUS MINORITIES CONTINUE TO SUFFER

Since partition from India in 1947, the proportion of non-Muslims in Pakistan has dropped from 23% to 3%

By [SUNIL KUKREJA](#) JULY 9, 2019



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The statesman, writer and second president of the United States John Adams is noted to have said, "Facts are stubborn things; and whatever may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passions, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence."

Pakistan's foreign minister would indeed be well served to come to terms with what John Adams said. Recent, albeit modest, international attention focused on the persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan was apparently noteworthy enough to compel the foreign minister, Shah Mahmood Qureshi, [to comment on the issue publicly](#) during a recent visit to Brussels.

Quite predictably, the foreign minister summarily dismissed claims that the persecution of Christians was in any way systematic or reflective of a wider trend. Indeed, according to him, at best any such reports of persecution were nothing more than "individual incidents."

The persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan was brought to the fore due to the international profile given to the case of Asia Bibi, a Christian woman who was convicted of blasphemy in 2010 and who languished on death row for eight years before her conviction was overturned by the Supreme Court.

Blasphemy laws in Pakistan have been the source of unwelcome attention for the government, as these laws have been seen as widely exploited and invoked against people of various religious minorities to settle scores in what almost invariably amounts to personal disputes. Asia Bibi's saga was apparently one such example.

Not long following her release from prison, Asia Bibi left Pakistan to resettle in Canada. As tragic and traumatic as her case was, she remains fortunate for having survived her ordeal. Many of those persecuted for religious reasons have not been so fortunate.

Qureshi is either curiously ill-informed or he conveniently chooses to ignore the fact that over the last 30 years, some 1,500 individuals – Christians, Hindus and people from Muslim religious minorities – [have been charged under blasphemy laws](#).

Yet it is not just blasphemy laws that are repressive for Pakistan's religious minorities. As leading journalist and former member of the National Assembly Farahnaz Ispahani has noted, [“cleansing Pakistan of minorities”](#) has been evident – and ongoing – since the partition from India and the creation of Pakistan. This process of targeting especially the Hindus (who still make up the largest religious minority in Pakistan), Christians, and other minority Muslims such as the Ahmadis, has directly correlated with the increased influence of hard-line Islam and the “Talibanization” of the country; something if not fully abated, then tacitly tolerated by each successive government.

It is worth quoting [Farahnaz Ispahani](#) at length:

“At the time of partition in 1947, almost 23% of Pakistan's population was [composed] of non-Muslim citizens. Today, the proportion of non-Muslims has declined to approximately 3%. The distinctions among Muslim denominations have also become far more accentuated over the years. Muslim groups such as the Shias who account for approximately 20-25% of Pakistan's Muslim population, Ahmadis who have been declared non-Muslim by the writ of the state, and non-Muslim minorities such as Christians, Hindus and Sikhs have been the targets of suicide bomb attacks on their neighborhoods, had community members converted to Islam against their will, and had their houses of worship attacked and bombed even while they were inhabited by worshipers.”

So while Foreign Minister Qureshi claims that Pakistan values its religious minorities, the evidence unambiguously indicates otherwise, as it is highly unlikely that the percentage of Hindus and Christians in the country would have declined so dramatically and precipitously since 1947 had minorities like Asia Bibi and countless others not been targeted and intimidated, and thousands more violently attacked and forcibly converted. This indeed – and contrary to the foreign minister's claim – is a scathing commentary about the state of religious diversity and acceptance of religious minorities in Pakistan.

While the international community often fails to hear of even high profile attacks and bombings of churches and other places of worship for minorities, for decades, there has been another systematically insidious and brutal process of religious cleansing underway in Pakistan. The abduction, rape and forced conversion of Hindu girls – often barely in their teens – in Sindh province has been a brutal and terrifying reality of daily life for Hindus in Pakistan.

The occasional feature report in western media, such as a 2017 write-up in [The Atlantic](#), occasionally acknowledges the religious-based violence that has long been perpetrated on Hindus in Sindh. As the Hindu population in Pakistan has dwindled to barely 1.5% of the population, Sindh has been the bellwether of the plight of Hindus in Pakistan, as that is where one finds the country's most visible, albeit marginal, presence of Hindus. Some estimates claim that each month, about 20-25 young Hindu girls are [kidnapped and forcibly “converted”](#) to Islam in Sindh.

But not even the above statistic can capture the magnitude of the terror and devastation inflicted upon on the daily lives of Hindus in Sindh. Most recently, the Global Human Rights Defense has also brought attention to the ongoing violence of forced conversion in Pakistan in its [2019 report](#). If this was not enough documentation, Qureshi might be advised to be more attentive to the steady flow of news reports within Pakistan and Sindh itself on the extent of violence inflicted upon Hindus in Sindh.

[One recent protest](#) – organized by the Pakistan Hindu Council – against abductions and forced conversions of Hindu girls, held in Karachi on July 5, should once again impress on the Pakistani political establishment the extent to which this orchestrated targeting and persecution of religious minorities warrants immediate attention. But the fact remains that apart from the stream of platitudes about valuing and respecting religious minorities, the political establishment in Islamabad



has all but chosen to turn a blind eye to the ongoing atrocities in Sindh. Indeed, many in the Hindu communities in Sindh would go further and accuse the Pakistani authorities of being complicit by allowing such religious persecution to persist.

Despite its best efforts, the Pakistan Hindu Council and a small number of sympathetic Pakistani parliamentarians remain relatively isolated and abandoned by the international community in their struggle. It is indeed deeply troubling that international organizations such as the United Nations' special rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief has appeared indifferent about taking up the systematic plight of Hindus in Sindh.

If the trend since Partition is any indication, the future of religious minorities in Pakistan is not difficult to predict. The repeated denials, distortions, and obfuscations by politicians like Shah Mahmood Qureshi and his ilk notwithstanding, the continued persecution of Hindus and other religious minorities in Pakistan is all but certain.

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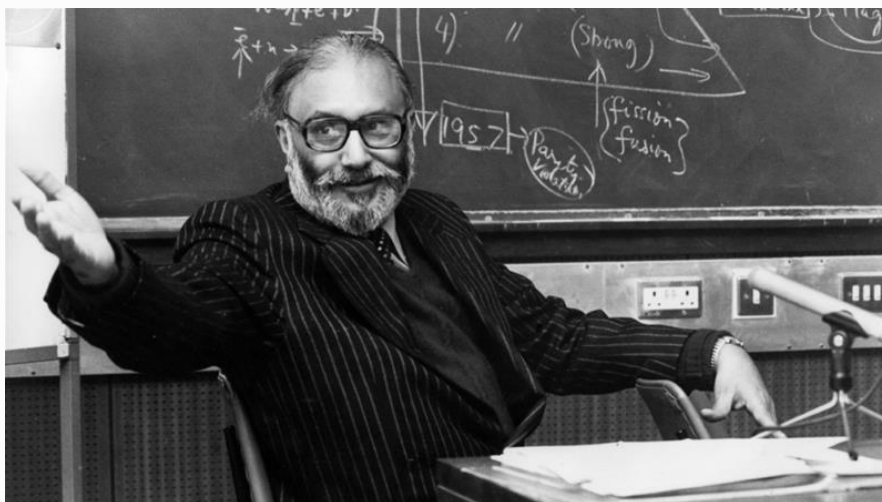


THE FIRST PAKISTANI NOBEL LAUREATE FEW HAVE HEARD OF

Scientist Abdus Salam largely ignored in Pakistan because he was an Ahmadi Muslim, but new film aims to restore legacy.



by [Samira Shackle](#) 28 Oct 2019



Abdus Salam, who won the Nobel Prize for Physics, at Imperial College in London, October, 1979
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Until Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014, there had only ever been one Pakistani Nobel laureate: the scientist Abdus Salam, who won the physics prize in 1979.

But despite being the first Pakistani to win a Nobel, his historic achievement was not celebrated in his home country. Instead, he was largely ignored due to his religious identity.

Even today, his pioneering contributions to physics are barely discussed in [Pakistan](#).

A new documentary on Netflix, Salam, The First ***** Nobel Laureate seeks to restore Salam's legacy.

Salam shared the 1979 Nobel Prize in Physics with Sheldon Glashow and Steven Weinberg for his contribution to the electroweak unification theory.

His work paved the way for the 2012 discovery of the Higgs boson particle, which gives all other particles mass, and he helped define theories still in use today, such as the theory of the neutrino.

Omar Vandal and Zakir Thaver, the co-producers of the Netflix film, were drawn to the story as young Pakistani scientists studying in the United States.

They first heard of Salam when they read his obituaries in 1996.

"We were both science students and the tragedy is that it was not until we left Pakistan that we truly discovered Salam and his story," said Vandal.

"His story had been largely erased back home. He is not a part of the public dialogue at all."

Most, if not all, scientific enterprise and infrastructure in Pakistan owes its origin to Salam.

ZAKIR THAVER, CO-PRODUCER OF NETFLIX DOCUMENTARY

The reason for this is that Salam belonged to the Ahmadi minority, a sect of Islam that has long been persecuted in Pakistan and around the Muslim world.

The Ahmadiyya movement was founded in 1889, by Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, who died in 1908. His followers believe that he was a prophet. Most Muslims believe that the last prophet was Muhammad, who died in 632, and thus view the Ahmadis as heretics.

"His faith was a huge part of who he was. It was very deep, very enlightened and very personal," his son, Umar Salam, told Al Jazeera. "For my father, religion and science are complementary – different types of belief system that together comprised a world view."

Controversy over the position of Ahmadi Muslims in Pakistan continued throughout Salam's life.

Born in 1926 in the city of Jhang, then part of British India, he went to university in Lahore before winning a scholarship to the University of Cambridge in the UK.

After completing his studies, he returned to become a professor of mathematics.

He decided to leave after a series of violent anti-Ahmadi riots swept across Lahore in 1953. He went back to the UK, first to Cambridge, and then to Imperial College London where he helped to set up the theoretical physics department.



Salam loved Pakistan. He found worldwide scientific respect, yet not in his own country.

BASHARAT NAZIR, PRESS SECRETARY OF THE AHMADIYYA MUSLIM ASSOCIATION UK

Although he had left Pakistan, Salam remained closely involved with his country's most significant scientific projects.

In 1961, he established Pakistan's space programme, and in the 1970s, he was - more controversially - involved with efforts to build a nuclear weapon.

"Most, if not all, scientific enterprise and infrastructure in Pakistan owes its origin to Salam," said Thaver.

In 1974, a law was passed declaring Ahmadis non-Muslim.

It was only at this point that Salam severed ties with the Pakistani government.

In later life, he spoke out against nuclear weapons.

When Salam won the Nobel Prize in 1979, he quoted verses from the Quran. The world saw him as the first Muslim to win a Nobel Physics prize, but his own country did not.

A repressive law further restricting the religious freedom of Ahmadis was passed in 1984.

He never criticised nor even mentioned any aspect of his treatment; nor did he ever express any resentment.

UMAR SALAM, ABDUS SALAM\`S SON

In addition to his research, Salam was passionate about encouraging scientists from similarly disadvantaged backgrounds.

In 1964 he founded the International Centre for Theoretical Physics in Trieste, Italy, to support scientists from the developing world.

"He was warm, loving and often very funny," said Umar Salam. "He was a tireless worker, rising at 4am each morning and constantly travelling. He was not necessarily a model parent - he was simply himself. He believed in things and in people, and he made you want to do the same."

Salam's dedication to Pakistan never wavered; although he was offered British and Italian citizenship, he always retained his Pakistani passport.

"He never criticised nor even mentioned any aspect of his treatment; nor did he ever express any resentment," said Umar Salam.

When he died in 1996, Salam was buried in the Pakistani town of Rabwah, the centre of the Ahmadi community. His gravestone described him as the first Muslim Nobel laureate.

The word "Muslim" was soon scrubbed out by local authorities.

"Salam loved Pakistan. He found worldwide scientific respect, yet not in his own country," said Basharat Nazir, press secretary of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association UK. "Peace is something that has been denied Salam in life as in death."

There are an estimated 10 million Ahmadis worldwide, based in 200 different countries, but the majority - around 4 million - remain in Pakistan.

They still face persecution, both at a state level and from vigilantes.

In 2010, a Taliban attack on two Ahmadi mosques in Lahore killed 93 people; in 2012, more than 100 Ahmadi graves were desecrated in the city.

More than 200 Ahmadis are currently in prison on charges related to their faith - it is illegal for Ahmadis to describe themselves as Muslim or to perform Muslim rituals.

Next month, the UK All Party Parliamentary Group for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is expected to publish a report on human rights violations against Ahmadis in Pakistan.

"It reflects how a community that helped found the country has become persecuted, explicitly targeted by federal laws," said Nazir.



Abdus Salam shared the 1979 Nobel Prize for Physics with Americans Sheldon L. Glashow and Steven Weinberg [Getty Images]

This continued discrimination and controversy made it difficult for the documentary makers to obtain funding from within Pakistan.

"We were offered lots of funding provided we did not touch on the Ahmadi issue. That was a no-go for us," said Thaver.

But now that the film has been made available on Netflix, it is being watched in Pakistan.

"As you would expect, there has been anger from some quarters, but overall the reaction has been positive and there are questions about what we have lost out on," said Vandal. "People are convening in groups to watch the film, it is being screened at homes and in academic institutes. Salam is back in the imagination of the people."

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WHAT DRIVES CALLS FOR GIVING AHMADIS A DISTINCT IDENTITY

[Ali Usman Qasmi](#)

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An electoral reform law containing provisions related to the holding of elections in Pakistan became a focus of controversy immediately after its passage with bipartisan approval in 2017. It changed the wording of an oath – from “I solemnly swear” to “I declare” – which all those contesting elections must take, affirming their faith in khatm-e-nabuwat (the finality of the prophethood). Initially, the government insisted, and rightly so, that the amendment did not alter legal provisions that require Ahmadis – who are seen as having challenged that finality – to declare themselves as non-Muslims in order to contest elections on general seats. Later, under pressure from religious groups and news media, it backtracked and called the change ‘a clerical error’. The admission did not reduce the pressure on it but rather fueled suspicions that there were some sinister motives behind the change in wording. This gave some religious groups an opportunity to launch a movement against the government in November last year.

Amidst this brouhaha, a petition was filed by Maulana Allah Wasaya – head of the Aalmi Majlis Tahaffuz Khatm-e-Nubuwwat who is also known for his extreme anti-Ahmadi views – in the Islamabad High Court. He sought an inquiry to find out those who had made changes in the oath

and he wanted them punished. Among other things, he also asked the court to create a database of Ahmadis living in Pakistan, especially those holding high-ranking offices in the bureaucracy.

The honourable judge who took up the petition appointed many religious scholars and jurists as *amicus curiae* (friends of the court) to assist him in the case. These included Mohammad Akram Sheikh, a senior Supreme Court lawyer, Dr Hafiz Hasan Madni, a teacher at the Institute of Islamic Studies at the Punjab University in Lahore, Dr Mohsin Naqvi, a former member of the Council of Islamic Ideology, Dr Sahibzada Sajidur Rehman, a serving member of the Council of Islamic Ideology, Mufti Muhammad Hussain Khalil Khel, a Karachi-based religious preacher, Dr Aslam Khaki, a Supreme Court lawyer, and Dr Babar Awan, a former federal law minister. None of them is an Ahmadi. The court, in fact, did not summon any Ahmadis to offer their perspective on the issues raised in the petition.

The judgment in *Allah Wasaya versus Federation of Pakistan* (Writ Petition 3862-2017), issued after multiple hearings, was replete with various popular charges against Ahmadis that have appeared in innumerable polemical works and in many judicial verdicts as well — that they work against the interests of both the state of Pakistan and Islam. Without going into the details of the case, I am limiting myself to discussing the judge's suggestion that a special registration system be set up for Ahmadis.

Statistics provided by the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to the court during the proceedings showed that about 10,205 individuals had “converted” to Ahmadi faith in recent years. The honourable judge described their conversion as the “practice of religion-hopping which seems to have been resorted to by certain individuals to hoodwink authorities and avail the benefits of a religion they are not admittedly a part of”.

It should be noted that there is no law against apostasy in Pakistan. Similarly, there is no constitutional provision, whatsoever, that prevents Ahmadis or the member of any other religious minority from occupying ‘sensitive’ posts — such as those of federal secretaries, judges of high courts and the Supreme Court, and military commanders. Yet, the court urged the federal government to be vigilant so that no Ahmadis are appointed to these positions. For this purpose, as well as for the overall need to prevent the misuse of Muslim identity by Ahmadis, the learned judge proposed distinct names for Ahmadis so that they could be distinguished from everyone else. “Qadianis [as Ahmadis are derogatorily called] should not be allowed to conceal their identity by having similar names to those of Muslims, therefore, they should be either stopped from using name[s] of ordinary Muslims or in the alternative, Qadiani, Ghulam-e-Mirza or Mirzai must form a part of their names and be mentioned accordingly,” he noted. He also wrote that other religious minorities living in the country had “a separate identification in reference to their names and identity” except for Ahmadis who “do not hold a distinct identification due to their names and general attire, according to the Constitution”.

I will try to explain as to what kind of ‘crisis’ is generated by Ahmadis being indistinguishable. I will also look into the consequences of proposals floated and actual measures taken in the past to make Ahmadis a distinctly separate community.

Individuals can be identified as members of a certain group or community on the basis of, among many other things, the facial features they have, the clothes they wear and the religious/cultural symbols they use. In some instances, communities themselves opt for a certain outlook to mark themselves as different from others. There are traditions attributed to the Prophet of Islam (may peace be upon him) in which he is reported to have urged his followers to not follow non-Muslims in appearance and customs. When the members of early Sikh communities wanted to acquire a



distinct identity, they considered it important to carry such symbols as daggers and bracelets to distinguish themselves from Muslims and Hindus.

But the same markers of distinction acquire a different significance altogether in the time of crisis and violence. In many cases, minority communities have attracted fatal attention for having distinct, identifiable features which are different from those of the majority around them. The gruesome Partition riots offer a well-known example of this. More recently, the anti-Sikh pogrom in Delhi in 1984 and the Muslim massacre in Indian Gujarat in 2002 show how external markers of identity facilitate the process of singling out targets for senseless outbursts of violence.

The case of Ahmadis, especially in Pakistan, poses an entirely different challenge. They themselves do not insist upon having their own markers of distinction even though it is true that, during the British period, they insisted on registering themselves separately from Sunni Muslims. At one stage, Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, son of Ahmadi community's founder Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, also disallowed Ahmadi women from marrying non-Ahmadi men. This, however, was hardly different from similar edicts issued by the leaders of other groups organised around sectarian identities. So, what is unique about Ahmadis?

Regardless of what the Constitution of Pakistan says about them, Ahmadis closely adhere to the Hanafi *fiqh* (school of religious jurisprudence). They also have names similar to those of Hanafi Sunnis and do not wear any garments that highlight their distinct religious identity. As Irfan Haider Abidi, a known Shia scholar, once rhetorically pointed out, both Ahmadis and Hanafi Sunnis have the same way of offering namaz and they also break their fasts at the same time. They, of course, have a fundamental doctrinal difference on the issue of *khatm-e-nabuwat* – understood and interpreted differently by each of the two communities.

On the other hand, there are some 'visible' markers of identification for Shia Muslims. For instance, they offer namaz in a manner slightly different from the one followed by Sunnis and break their fasts 10 minutes after Sunnis do. Shias have other markers of identity as well. Even in the midst of sectarian violence, they make themselves visible by hoisting *alam*s (standards) on their houses, displaying Ya Ali stickers on their cars and sporting steel bracelets. Even though these are not strictly Shia symbols and are widely used by Sunnis as well, these markers of identity have been exploited by Sunni militants to target and kill Shias in Pakistan.



An Ahmadi prayer hall that was attacked by a mob on the second day of Eidul Azha this year in Faisalabad's Ghaseetpura area | Rizwan Safdar

Names have also been used as similar markers of sectarian identity — and often to deadly effect. In the gruesome killing that took place in Chilas in 2012, militants checked identity cards of passengers

in a bus so they could distinguish between Sunni and Shia passengers. Those who had Shia sounding names were then separated and gunned down. Certain names – such as Omar and Ayesha – can similarly be indicators of a Sunni identity. In a wave of sectarian violence in Iraq that followed the American invasion of that country in the early 2000s, many Sunnis were identified on the basis of their names and killed.

It must be stated here that there is nothing scientific when it comes to identifying a person's religious persuasion on the basis of his or her name. In the 1990s, Sunni militants gunned down one Aftab Naqvi – an apolitical, literary figure – in Lahore because his name, due to its Naqvi suffix, suggested that he could be a Shia.

'Ali', 'Hasan', 'Hussain' and 'Fatima' are some of the most obvious name choices among Shias but it is ridiculous to assume that only Shias give these names to their children. The most prominent example in this regard is that of Ali Sher Haideri who was the Sindh chief of an anti-Shia party a few years ago. As per the data collected by NADRA and cited by Islamabad-based language scholar Tariq Rehman, 'Ali' is the second most popular name – after 'Muhammad' as first name – for men in Pakistan. As is 'Fatima' for women.

In Jhang, the heartland of sectarian violence in Pakistan, Sunni militants seemed to be aware of this so they would ask 'suspected' Shias to take off their shirts to find out scars left by self-flagellation that Shias do as part of their annual mourning in the month of Muharram. Even this is not a sure sign of identification as self-flagellation is done by many non-Shias as well. I know at least one Punjabi Catholic – and there are hundreds of others like him – who would do self-flagellation using small daggers tied to chains during Muharram.

Still, the point is that there are many visible and external markers that can make Shias more identifiable than Ahmadis. The similarities in names, rituals and the use of religious symbols that exist in Pakistan between Hanafi Sunnis and Ahmadis are, indeed, unique. They do not exist between Pakistani Muslims and Pakistani Hindus or between Pakistani Muslims and Pakistani Christians to the same extent. Unlike in India where mutual borrowing in terms of names may not be an abnormal occurrence (for example, Kabir could be a Hindu name as much as a Muslim one), the same does not happen – at least at the same scale – in Pakistan. Even the use of certain religious symbols is strictly specific to certain communities in our country. If a person is wearing a cross, he/she will be a Christian or at least will be assumed to be a Christian.

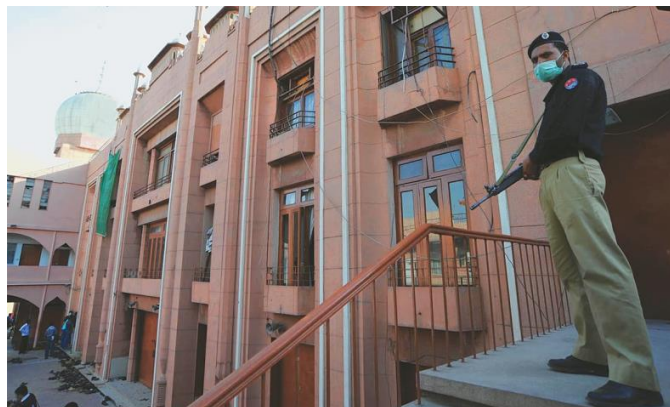
Despite this relative clarity in boundaries between Muslims and non-Muslims, there was a demand from religious groups in the 1990s to include religion in identity cards. The same demand for passports had been made earlier and accepted. The argument in its favour was that the mention of religion in passports would help ensure that only Muslims travelled to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage since Makkah and Madinah, by religious injunction, are off-limits for non-Muslims. Without religion being mentioned on passports, it was suspected that Ahmadis – constitutionally declared as non-Muslims in Pakistan – would also be able to go to Saudi Arabia for pilgrimage. Those who had made the demand were oblivious to the fact that no such information is provided in travel documents of pilgrims visiting Makkah and Madinah from most other countries. So, Ahmadis residing outside Pakistan are still able to perform umrah or hajj on passports of those other countries.

The demand for mentioning religion on identity cards was made for no such practical purposes so it was vociferously opposed both by minority Muslim sects and non-Muslim Pakistanis. It was in this context that Abidi made his speech quoted earlier. Like others opposing the demand, he feared that, in the presence of visible distinctions between Muslims and non-Muslims, the mention of religion in identity cards could well set the ground for subsequent mentioning of sectarian identities in those cards.



This is not to say that the state was not identifying Muslims by their sects already. This was happening in many cases, at least informally. For instance, information about sectarian association was being ascertained in background checks carried out for those appearing in civil service exams or those who wanted to become commissioned officers in the military. Formally, however, a decision was taken in Pakistan's first post-independence census in 1951 to not ask people about their sects and this has stayed the same since then.

Despite some shared cultural as well as religious practices, the dissimilarities that Pakistani Sunni Muslims have vis-à-vis Shias, Christians and Hindus in the country enable the recognition of differences between them even if it is not always enforced. This is not the case with reference to Ahmadis though.



[A policeman guards an Ahmadi prayer hall in Rabwah | M Arif, White Star](#)

Talking about the increasing agreement on doctrinal issues between Sunnis and Shias during the 1980s, Dr Faisal Devji, a professor of Indian history at Oxford University, argued that it is sameness rather than difference between religious groups that posed a threat to communitarian boundaries. Applied to Ahmadis, this argument helps explain the Hanafi Sunni anxiety about Ahmadis hiding their faith, dissimulating their 'real' identity and operating secretly as Muslims. This anxiety made it important for Hanafi Sunnis to ask for legal and administrative measures – including putting down religion in identity cards – so that an Ahmadi could be 'recognised'.

The Constitution and the law, at least initially, provided for no distinction between Pakistan's Muslim and non-Muslim citizens. Even after the passage of the second constitutional amendment in 1974 – which declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims – there was nothing much on the statute books that identified citizens by their religion except for the constitutional provision that the president and the prime minister must be Muslims.

In such a legal environment where citizens, at least theoretically, enjoyed almost equal rights regardless of their religious identities, it was absurd to make a claim that Ahmadis, by identifying themselves as Muslims, were infringing the rights of Muslims. Since no religious community enjoyed rights specific to it, there was no question of their infringement by another community. In the famous *Abdur Rehman Mubashir versus Syed Amir Ali Shah* case in 1978, the gist of Justice Aftab Husain's judgment highlighted just that — no civic rights of Muslims were infringed if Ahmadis identified themselves as Muslims.

Seen from a Hanafi Sunni perspective, this needed to change and it did with the promulgation of some Ahmadi-specific legal instruments, including Ordinance XX issued by General Ziaul Haq in 1984 which barred Ahmadis from 'posing' as Muslims. Under this ordinance, an Ahmadi acting or behaving as a Muslim can be punished because only a Muslim has the right to act and behave like a

Muslim. Zia also added the definition of a Muslim in the Constitution and changed election rules to provide for separate electoral rolls for Ahmadis alone. Whereas all Muslim and non-Muslim voters were listed in the same rolls, Ahmadis, according to the changed rules, were to be listed separately so that they could not 'pose' as Muslim voters or Muslim candidates.

The problem is that no matter what the law says, Ahmadis cannot but act like Muslims. Even if their worship places are not allowed to be called mosques, what the community does inside them still looks like namaz as it is offered by Hanafi Sunnis.

This is the crisis the Islamabad High Court judge has referred to — the failure to eradicate sameness and enforce distinction between Ahmadis and Hanafi Sunnis.

Pakistan's constitution has already declared Ahmadis as non-Muslims, an ordinance issued by a military government and upheld by the Supreme Court does not allow them to 'pose' as Muslims and yet there is a crisis that refuses to subside. The peculiar nature of this 'crisis' means that it can only be resolved by making Ahmadis distinguishable by forcing them to have distinct names — as has been suggested by the Islamabad High Court judge. He has proposed to make it compulsory for Ahmadis to add Qadiani/Mirazi/Ghulam-e-Mirza to their names so that they can be recognised. Eventually, even this will not suffice and a demand could be made to limit them to Rabwah, a town in Punjab where their religious headquarters are located.

If this does not remind us of the horrors of Nazi rule, I wonder what else would.

German Jews, though religiously different, were otherwise unrecognisable as a distinct group from other Germans. Nazi Germany had to make them distinguishable by forcing them to wear the Star of David on their sleeves. This is exactly what Ahmadis in Pakistan face. To quote philosopher and Auschwitz survivor Primo Levi: "It happened, therefore it can happen again: this is the core of what we have to say. It can happen, and it can happen everywhere."

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PAKISTAN'S TERRIFIED CHRISTIANS

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The prime minister and people of New Zealand have put before us gold-plated standards of decency, compassion, and firmness against religious terrorism. Their response to last week's horrific mosque massacres in Christchurch was exemplary. Many countries need to learn from New Zealand, Pakistan more than most.

Donning a black chadar, 38-year-old Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was visibly sorrowing as she tightly hugged the bereaved women around her. Muslims are not others, she said. Referring to the dead, she spoke of them simply but poignantly, "they are us". To the Australian killer: "You may have chosen us — we utterly reject and condemn you." Without the Bible and without reference to God, Ardern had been sworn into the prime minister's office just 18 months ago. She says it is compassion that matters, not religion.

From end to end, her country also mourned. Newspapers reported florists running out of wreaths to be placed outside the two attacked mosques; donations for afflicted Muslim families poured in; churches held special services; and candle-light vigils were everywhere. An angered white teenage boy successfully landed an egg on the face of a far-right Australian senator who had blamed the Christchurch attack upon Muslim immigration into New Zealand. The senator promptly punched him — a punch that the youth will probably forever treasure.

Compare New Zealand's reaction with the aftermath of every mass killing in Pakistan. With the sole exception of the Peshawar Army Public School massacre in December 2014 carried out by the TTP, I am unaware of any other atrocity inspiring significant public grief and outrage.

One hopes for the day when Pakistan has a prime minister like New Zealand's Jacinda Ardern.

None was evident after a simultaneous attack in May 2010 upon two Ahmadi worship places in Lahore that left 94 dead. No ministers, politicians or other prominent figures hugged the bereaved ones. Shahbaz Sharif, the then Punjab chief minister, chose not to visit the Ahmadi community. However, his elder brother Nawaz Sharif called them our "brothers and sisters", instantly drawing condemnation from many within his own party. Although one of the accused attackers was overpowered and handed to the police by unarmed worshippers, he was subsequently released.

In numerical terms, the two back-to-back suicide bombings on Peshawar's All Saints Church in September 2013 were still more gruesome. They left 127 dead — more than two and a half times the number at Christchurch. Commiserations by national leaders rang hollow. Imran Khan, standing outside the bombed-out church, told the survivors that calamity had visited them because of US drone strikes. He said that to prevent still more such attacks Pakistan should negotiate with the TTP (which claimed the church bombing).

How can we know which of Pakistan's minorities — Ahmadi, Christian, Hazara, Hindu, Shia — has had the roughest deal? One measure of desperation is the extent to which a minority avoids the mainstream and pursues anonymity. Nothing speaks more eloquently to this than the naming of newborns nowadays.

Take Christians. Back in the 1950s the names of Karachi's Christians, including those in my Garden East neighbourhood, were usually biblically derived. Boys could be Jacob, Joseph, Michael, Paul, Peter, Robert, etc. Girls were often Mary, Pauline, Rachel, Rita, Ruth, etc. But no longer — Christian parents are opting for safety: Emaan, Hina, Iqbal, Maryum, Naveed, Saima, Shafqat, Shahbaz etc. Survival in a hostile milieu demands camouflaging.

But earlier this month, even this dissimulation did not work for one happily married Christian couple with three children, with the entire family having non-Christian specific names. (Dawn's policy does not allow identification of the rape victim.) Little did they know of the hell that lay in wait. A sexual predator in their Islamabad neighbourhood stalked the wife but was rebuffed by her. With pistol in

hand, and with an accomplice, the man later entered their house and abducted her. The police initially refused to register an FIR or recover her, eventually acting only under pressure.

Two weeks later the distraught and disoriented woman was shifted to a Dar-ul-Aman. With severe visible bruises, she says she had been raped for a full 10 days. The police refused the husband's request for a medical inquiry because, according to the signed evidence, she had converted to Islam and was now one of the abductor's wives.

This has made the problem infinitely more serious since the woman cannot now legally revert to being a Christian. That she signed the conversion document under duress may or may not matter. The courts, of course, will have to decide. But, given the slowness of such trials, this may take from many months to many years. Meanwhile the family is in hiding and the predator roams freely.

Let us step back and reflect for a moment: in a population of 220 million, there are bound to be egregious examples of wrongdoing; a wider judgement from any single example is unwarranted. A more reliable guide is the extent to which people around demonstrate empathy, and how a religious minority perceives itself positioned in the society. Sadly, this too does not look promising.

At a rally last Saturday (March 16) at the Islamabad Press Club protesting the recent abduction just a few dozen people — mostly Christians — turned up. Speaker after speaker claimed that Christians didn't deserve this mistreatment because "we too had fought for Pakistan". Just as unconvincing and pathetic were their appeals to the so-called "Quaid's Pakistan" and his Aug 11, 1947, speech. But let us not blame these desperate people for clutching at straws; Pakistan's minorities live under the boot of the majority and know they cannot speak the truth.

If there was a slight ray of hope, it came from one solitary bearded imam from the same neighbourhood of Islamabad as the victims. Forced conversions go against Islam, he said, citing the Quranic verse containing "la ikraha-fi-din" (there is no compulsion in religion). One wonders how far this line of argument will go towards easing the family's anguish.

As structures of hate proliferate across the world, one desperately looks around for those who can intelligently use love and sympathy as tools to dismantle them. I much hope someone someday will think of nominating Jacinda Ardern for the Nobel Peace Prize. And I hope that someday Pakistan too will have a prime minister like her.

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PERSECUTION OF AHMADIS IN PAKISTAN 'WORSE THAN EVER BEFORE': REPORT

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The Ahmadi community in Pakistan is being subjected to increasing discrimination under the PTI government, according to a report released by the minority group this week.



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The report states that Ahmadis are the victims of institutionalised bigotry and are being prosecuted for their faith in growing numbers in the wake of Prime Minister Imran Khan's election campaign.

In its annual report, the Ahmadiyya Community in Pakistan notes that its people were denied the right to contest these elections as candidates or even take part in them as voters.

Spokesperson for the minority community, Saleem-ud-Din, said in a statement that the discrimination that has long beset the group continued throughout 2018 at levels 'worse than ever before'.

In the same statement, Din attributed the worsening discrimination against Ahmadis to actions taken by political parties during the 2018 general elections: 'During the election period, candidates from all the major parties including the prime minister of Pakistan Imran Khan fanned the flames of religious hatred against Ahmadis.'

The report details the worsening discrimination against the community throughout 2018, including the declaration of Ahmedis as non-Muslim in the Azad Kashmir parliament in February and the attack which severely damaged an Ahmedi place of worship in Sialkot in May. The report also states that throughout the year two other places of worship were demolished, five were ordered to close by the authorities and a further two were set on fire or damaged in an indication of the nationwide persecution of the community.

According to Din, anti-Ahmedi laws 'have helped empower religious extremists and fostered an environment in which the murder of Ahmadis, the destruction of community worship places, the illegal appropriation of property belonging to members of the community and the desecration of Ahmedi burial sites has become the norm.'

The report states that two Ahmadis were murdered for following their religion in 2018.

Pakistan's Ahmedi population was declared non-Muslim by a constitutional amendment in 1974. 10 years later, members of the community were banned from calling themselves Muslim under a new law enacted by the military dictator, General Zia ul Haq.

Pakistan is home to the world's largest population of Ahmadis but is the only country to have officially declared them non-Muslim.

Din warned that 'Ahmadis have no religious freedoms in Pakistan and recent actions taken by the authorities mean that the situation is going to deteriorate even further and make it impossible for Ahmadis to carry on with their everyday lives.'

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EU LAWMAKERS SEEK END TO 'PERSECUTION OF RELIGIOUS MINORITIES' IN PAKISTAN

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Over 50 members of the European Parliament, in a written letter to Prime Minister Imran Khan, have expressed concern over the persecution of religious minorities in Pakistan.

The European parliamentarians reminded the premier that oppressing minorities is a violation of the United National treaty on Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

It further explained that ICCPR Convention is part of the 27 core conventions set out as a prerequisite criteria for the EU's GSP-Plus status of which Pakistan is a beneficiary.

The letter added that continued violation of the ICCPR Convention may compel EU to call on the European Commission to suspend all subsidies and trade preferences to Pakistan.



“Today’s Pakistan is far removed from being the country that its founding father, Muhammad Ali Jinnah, had envisaged. Jinnah had always insisted that Pakistan would be a Muslim majority State where people from all religions, whether Christians, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists, Ahmadis or Shias, would be treated equally,” read the letter.



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I have just sent a letter, signed by 52 MEPs, to the Prime Minister of [#Pakistan](#) urging him to take measures to dismantle the constitutional and institutional structures that have resulted in the persecution of religious minorities in the country.

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It said, “Over the last seven decades, successive governments in Pakistan have contributed to implementing discriminatory systems that have resulted in political, economic and social



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persecution of religious minorities, which have encouraged acts of violence against them by radical Islamic groups.”

The letter cited the case of Asia Bibi, the Christian woman who was sentenced to death row on blasphemy charges but was acquitted by the Supreme Court of Pakistan in 2018.

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RANKING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

By Syed Mohammad Ali

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Majoritarian, populist and authoritarian tendencies, alongside religious extremism, have made life increasingly difficult for religious minorities around the world. Christians, Hindus, Muslims, Jews and members of other faith communities are all under threat, depending on which part of the world they reside. The need to protect religious minorities is justifiably important. However, the very act of identifying which religious minorities are under threat around the world is not an objective process.

Instead, the seemingly noble goal of ensuring religious freedom often serves as a site for the articulation and the exercise of power and vested interests. Consider, for instance, controversies surrounding attempts by the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) to identify countries where religious minorities are under serious threat around the world.

This year, the USCIRF list of 16 countries designated as Tier 1 'countries of particular concern' (CPC) features a random assortment including Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Vietnam and Russia. On the other hand, fragile states like Afghanistan, India and Iraq are in Tier 2. The above categorisation evokes evident consternation. Why is, for instance, India, despite its ongoing electoral vitriol against Muslims, not placed in Tier 1? Are Afghanistan and Iraq spared inclusion in Tier 1 due to the longstanding US involvement in these countries?

Being placed on Tier 1 of the USCIRF listing, essentially being dubbed the worst violators of religious freedom, does have serious implications. In November 2018, the US Department of State for the first time ever designated Pakistan a CPC. While the State Department had issued a waiver against any related sanctions on Pakistan at the time, the USCIRF assessment could influence the State Department to lift this waiver.



Skewed as this listing may be, it is hard to deny that religious freedom remains an elusive goal for Pakistan. We have long been struggling with sectarian conflict and persecution of religious minorities. While Pakistan's overall security has improved since 2015, religious minorities, Hindus, Christians and Ahmadis, continue facing the threat of mob violence, target killings, and systematic forms of discrimination.

At the same time, there is need to understand the underlying reasons for the exasperation surrounding the USCIRF ranking, and other similar mechanisms. Saba Mahmood, a Pakistani anthropologist, who passed away last year pointed out in her work how the notion of giving religious freedom was projected as a 'crowning achievement' of secular-liberal democracies, seemingly marking an important distinction between them, and more authoritarian states such as China or the former USSR. Yet, in effect, Euro-American interventions on behalf of religious liberty have been used to legitimise interventionist imperial and colonial projects. While pressuring a select number of post-colonial countries to uphold the rights of minorities within their boundaries, secular-liberal democracies have failed to deal with the rise of populist xenophobia within its own societies

The Pakistan government would certainly do well to heed calls to create a National Commission for Minorities Rights as mandated by the Supreme Court's 2014 decision. Despite the Supreme Court's laudable decision to acquit Asia Bibi, the weaponisation of the blasphemy law remains a major problem. Although repeal of the existing law remains a tall order, it is possible to enact reforms to require evidence by accusers, allow authorities to dismiss unfounded accusations, and to enforce existing Penal Code articles that criminalise perjury and false accusations. On the other hand, however, international entities need to ensure that they also address the criticism levied against them. This requires espousing a more holistic concept of protecting minority rights not only in a limited number of non-western countries, but also within their own societies.

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THE GOVERNMENT JOINS RELIGIOUS BIGOTS AGAINST AHMADIS

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Like any other part of the world, religion holds great importance in Pakistan, particularly for "Muslims." To Muslims, not only their own religion but that of others (Ahmadis, in particular) is very important. Where "Muslims" defend their own religion, they also defend that of Ahmadis too and do not let them 'deviate' from their religion.

They make use of blasphemy law, street power, "mob justice," social pressure, religious bigotry, fanaticism, even rumours to take strength to keep Ahmadis confined within their religious bonds "to establish rule of law and supremacy of the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan." Ahmadis are so important to the "Constitutional Muslims" of Pakistan that they became a reason to introduce the definition of Muslims in the constitution through they (Ahmadis) themselves have no religious definition in the legal codes of the country.



For giving them above-mentioned too much favours, the constitutional Muslims some time expect favours from Ahmadis in return. For some politicians, they are a good source to gain vote bank to make the opponents lose. If we recall some events of recent past, it reminds us that it was the opposition of Ahmadis, which brought Tehrik Labbaik Ya Rasool Allah into the parliament. On the other hand, it was the Ahmadi factor, which ended the political career of former law minister Zahid Hamid. It was the Ahmadi factor, which became the reason of throwing a shoe at three-time Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif during a speech at a seminary as well as firing a bullet at former science and technology minister Ahsan Iqbal as their government was accused of paving way for Ahmadis to exercise their right to vote in the last general elections.

So far, apparently politicians, people at the local level, and even some government officers in their personal capacity have been involved in using Ahmadis. From time to time, some rights activists and Ahmadis have been accusing the government of patronising “hate campaigns” against them. However, the government never refuted such allegations.

Now the government, which is depending on populism only to complete its term, is openly spreading hatred against Ahmadis as well as attaching its opponents with them. The present government seems to idealise General Ziaul Haq and put itself in his shoes in making the use of religion to prolong its tenure. No one else, Ahmadis, are here to be used as bait to save it from the current financial and political crisis. On one side, there are skyrocketing prices of commodities along with Maulana Fazlur Rehman’s muscles-flexing brigade.

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In this situation, the government is trying to kill two birds with one stone. On October 6, on Pakistan Television (state-owned television station), it ran a 30-second news item, comprising the statement of an Indian Sikh politician, which he issued in 2013 against Ahmadis. News anchors not only associated Ahmadis with terrorist activities in Pakistan and India. Language of the news was provocative and hateful seemed to aim at inciting violence against Ahmadis to divert the attention of the public from real issues. After six days of that news, a fake letter associating it with the head of Jamat-e-Ahmadiyya was widely circulated through social media giving directions to Ahmadis in Pakistan to participate in Maulana Fazlur Rehman’s protest against the government on October 31. Another fake letter was circulated two days later giving the impression that under the direction of its spiritual head, Jamat-e-Ahmadiyya Pakistan is directing all its members to support Maulana’s Azadi March financially and physically.

By doing this, the government not only is trying to divert attention from real issues but also trying to spread hate against its present opponent Maulana Fazlur Rehman. But don’t forget, facing the worst circumstances of this campaign would be Ahmadis, who have nothing to do with it in any case. Writer Christopher Douglas in 2018 wrote that religion is often the subject of fake news and often its targeted audiences are religious believers. The point of modern propaganda is not only to misinform or push an agenda. It is to exhaust your critical thinking, to annihilate truth.

Keeping the words of Douglas in view with the current scenario in Pakistan, it seems that Pakistani government is well aware of consequences and benefits of ‘religious fake news’ and it must have expert advisors on the subject who are not only making such strategies but also implementing them. No objection over spreading fake news as it is a routine matter in Pakistan since fall of Dhaka, but



please do not do it at the cost of tiny, peaceful, ostracised, and outcasted community already living in perils.

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THE FATE OF PAKISTANI AHMADIS: IMPLICATIONS OF ANTI-AHMADIYYA ORDINANCE 1984

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“We stand by our declarations that members of every community will be treated as citizens of Pakistan with equal rights and privileges and obligations...” (Mr Jinnah, March 1948).

Religion, being one’s matter, leaves no room for the state to interfere. According to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, “Member states have pledged themselves to achieve, in cooperation with the United Nations, the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms...”

Article 2 of the said Declaration provides the freedom “without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion...” to the citizens of the member states.

Regrettably, since the very creation of Pakistan in August 1947, the so-called defeated religious assemblages like Ihraris, Jamat-i-Islami and Jamayat-i-Ulma-i-Islam played the religion card as a face-saving act to regain their influence in the “Islamic Republic of Pakistan.” All these religious entities had failed badly in their anti-Pakistan political agenda; leaving them with only the religion card. For that reason, they started invoking the differences within various Islamic factions and sects, exploiting the nation of Pakistan. The Shia-Sunni issues and particularly Anti-Ahmadiyya campaigns enormously distressed the social fabric of the country.

In a famous policy speech, Mr Jinnah on August 11, 1947, emphasised that “The first and the foremost thing that I would like to emphasize in this: remember that you are now a sovereign legislative body and you have got all the powers. It, therefore, places on you the gravest responsibility as to how you should take your decisions...” but unfortunately Pakistani Parliament in 1974 misused her powers conferred by the independent state of Pakistan.

On September 7, 1947, the Bhutto regime declared Ahmadis “non-Muslim” even though Ahmadiyya delegation, under Mirza Nasir Ahmad (the head of Ahmadis), proved them “Muslims” in Parliament of Pakistan. In effect, this matter was dealt with politically, not religiously. Religious forces used the parliamentary platform to regulate the beliefs and the faith of Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan, while no court of law or parliament holds the right to determine the religion, faith, beliefs of any individual or community.



Dr Mubashir Hasan, the finance minister in the Bhutto Cabinet, has confessed that it was all due to the Saudi pressure, which was an open violation of the articles 6 and 7 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights of 1948.

The self-made Ameer-ul-Momineen Gen Zia-ul-Haq practised his extremist Islamisation policy during his 11 years rule, which augmented the miseries of the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. The implementation of his Anti-Ahmadiyya Ordinance of April 1984 (Ordinance No. XX of 1984) is also known as “the Anti-Islamic Activities of the Quadidiani Group, Lahori Group and Ahmadis (Prohibition and Punishment) Ordinance, 1984.”

This step exposed his peculiar resentment and hatred to counter the Ahmadis. Zia, as the power seeker, wanted the support of religious factions to prolong his rule and boost his strength. He used religion as a tool to attain his personal and political objectives. This above title of the ordinance is also reflecting its hatred for Ahmadis and their religious practices in Pakistan.

In 1984, the UN Human Rights Commission also took notice of this barbaric Ordinance, violating the basic human rights of Ahmadis. Later in 1985, the UN Human Rights Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities investigated and found it to be the violation of the International Human Rights Charter of UN 1948.

Under this Ordinance, two new sections 298-B and 298-C were added in Pakistan Penal Code (PPC) particularly against the Ahmadis in Pakistan. They dealt with the “misuse of epithets, descriptions and titles, etc. reserved for certain holy personages or places” and “person of Quadiani group, etc. calling himself a Muslim or preaching or propagating his faith respectively”. This is an obstruction of the basic rights conferred by a state to her citizens. In the modern state system, no state has official religion but only its citizens. The state’s intervention in religious matters is considered the exploitation of the religious communities and individual’s rights.

Since 1947, no Ahmadi has ever found involved in anti-state and terrorist activities. No Ahmadi has ever passed any derogatory remarks or actions against any Islamic teaching, faith or belief. They ever remain faithful to the State and the Constitution of Pakistan. Sir Muhammad Zafrullah Khan, Dr Abdul Salam and M M Ahmad are the pride of Pakistan. Ahmadis have always participated positively to ease the agonies of the beloved state of Pakistan. On the other hand, anti-Ahmadiyya laws are steadily increasing the anguishes of the Ahmadis, which are also the violation of Article 20 of the Constitution of 1973.

In the modern state system, no state has an official religion

The state supported laws and hatred against Ahmadis, impairing their lives and the status of independent citizens of an Islamic Republic. Under section 298-B, Ahmadis cannot use Islamic epithets. For example, they cannot use Islamic titles, say worship place “Masjid” and recite “Azan,” for which, Ahmadis can be convicted with imprisonment extended to three years with fine. Furthermore, under section 298-C, no Ahmadi can call him/herself ‘Muslim’ nor can he preach or propagate the Ahmadiyya faith and beliefs in the geographical boundaries of Pakistan, for which Ahmadis can be penalised with the imprisonment extended to three years with a fine.

Moreover, many Ahmadis also have been convicted under sections 295, 295-A, 295-B and 295-C of PPC. The misuse of blasphemy laws in Pakistan is a common practice, creating a sense of uncertainty and disruption in minorities because of the death penalty and life imprisonment with fine. Fanatics and extremist Mullahs are frequently using blasphemy laws to impend the minorities and tiny communities in the country. Moreover, article 260 of the Constitution of 1973 provides the definition of a Muslim in Pakistan, which Islam had defined 1400 years ago. Such a definition in the Constitution of 1973 is only imparting and augmenting the differences among the citizens of



Pakistan. This pained behaviour as a nation among the fanatic classes is dividing Pakistan among Muslims and non-Muslims which is damaging the nationalism.

In response, after the promulgation of Ordinance XX of 1984 to till July 2019, 765 Ahmadis have been booked for displaying Kalima, 38 for calling Azan, 447 for posing themselves as Muslims, 161 for using Islamic epithets, 93 for offering prayers, 820 for preaching, 27 for celebrating Ahmadiyya Centenary (1989), 50 for celebrating 100 years anniversary of eclipses of sun and moon occurred in 1894 as a sign of Promised Mahdi, 315 for Blasphemy Law and 1191 booked for other cases.

Furthermore, from 1984 to December 2018, 264 Ahmadis have been killed, 388 assaulted for their faith, 28 Ahmadiyya worship places (Mosques) demolished, 39 sealed by authorities, 23 set on fire or damaged, 17 forcibly occupied and 58 Ahmadiyya worship places' construction was barred by the authorities, 39 Ahmadis bodies exhumed after burial, 70 Ahmadis' burial was denied in common cemetery, 43 cases of incidents of Kalima removal from Ahmadis' house and shops and 103 cases of Kalima removal from Ahmadi worship places have been reported.

The discriminatory decision of March 9, 2018, by Justice Shaukat Aziz Siddiqui, Chief Justice of the Islamabad High Court also appears as the next version of the Ordinance XX of 1984, in which he focused to identify the Ahmadis socially particularly in high-rank govt jobs with a mandatory affidavit in this regard. He banned Ahmadis to use word "Ahmadi" and also the Islamic names. His judgement bound the Ahmadis to add the word "Mirzai" or "Ghulaman-i-Mirza" in their names to differentiate with other Pakistani Muslims. In short, it was a step forward to corner the Ahmadiyya community in Pakistan. These standards of justice raising a sense of complexity in the Ahmadis. They have ever been sincere and loyal to the State of Pakistan, but State has a disgusting attitude towards Ahmadis treating them as untouchables.

Ahmadis in Pakistan face discrimination and suffering from certain grave situations, Anti-Ahmadiyya laws and state-supported hatred swell their agonies. The role of extremist and fanatic Mullahs and religious assemblages further increase the hatred against Ahmadis. Ahmadis are facing discrimination in daily livelihood, jobs and particularly in the academics. In public places particularly in markets, discriminatory behaviour is a common practice. Ahmadis are denied from shops either verbally or by exhibiting stickers with discriminatory public notices; rebuking Ahmadis particularly to push them away from their shops. 1974 to 2019 democratic and authoritarian regimes are failed to improve the Ahmadiyya situations and provide them with equal stands in the social fabric of Pakistan. In spite of all this, Ahmadis are peacefully standing with the State willing to participate for the prosperity of Pakistan.

<https://dailytimes.com.pk/444750/the-fate-of-pakistani-ahmadis-implications-of-anti-ahmadiyya-ordinance-1984/>

TECHJUICE

FACEBOOK REMOVED URDU 'PHOTO FRAME' THAT CALLED FOR DEATH OF AHMADIS AND WENT VIRAL IN PAKISTAN

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Since last week, a Facebook profile picture frame targeting Pakistan's Ahmadiyya community designed in Urdu language was going viral on social media and it was widely shared in Pakistan as well. Facebook confirmed to *AFP* on Wednesday that it has removed the profile frame as the social media giant continues to grapple with the proliferation of hate speech on the social network.



It is pertinent to note here that the 'Profile Picture Frame' was extensively used by Pakistani Facebook users after US President Donald Trump recently met several leading members of the Ahmadiyya community in the White House. These members included a representative from Pakistan's Ahmadi community as well.

As you know that Profile Picture frames are filters Facebook users can add to their display pictures that often promote a cause, celebrate a holiday, or commemorate an event or tragedy. Each day, around the world millions of Profile Frames are used to celebrate important moments, to cheer teams on to victory, and to show support for special causes.

Meanwhile, it should be noted that Ahmadis were legally declared non-Muslims in Pakistan decades ago for believing that Mohammed (saw) is the last prophet of Allah. They have long been persecuted and widely hated in Pakistan due to their beliefs.

However, Facebook has taken this matter quite seriously as it doesn't allow its users to spread violence and hate speech across its platform. As stated by a Facebook's spokesperson;

"We do not tolerate any content — including anything shared within Profile Frames — that incites violence, and we remove this content whenever we become aware of it. We have removed the Profile Frames in question for violating our rules, and have ensured that they're unavailable for future use."

In a bid to curb hate speech and violence across its platform, Facebook has initiated a bold yet effective move to remove such accounts, pages and posts. [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) has taken down over 2 billion fake accounts during a course of three months, January to March, this year. This massive account removal development marks a record high for the company as the number is quite identical to the monthly active users of Facebook which reached a figure of 2.38 billion in June.

<https://www.techjuice.pk/facebook-removed-urdu-photo-frame-that-called-for-death-of-ahmadis-and-went-viral-in-pakistan/>

LOCAL URDU PRINT MEDIA (TRANSLATED)



No one can include Qadianis among Muslims: Khatm e Nabuwat Movement

Constitutionally, Qadianis are non-muslim minority. We will not let conspiracies pertaining to Qadianiat, Khatm e Nabuwat and removal of related articles of constitution be prevailed.

Khatm e Nabuwat Movement always protected faiths of Khatm e Nabuwat, protection of honor of Holy Prophet (PBUH) and laws pertaining to Qadianis at every forum. We will follow this suit in future as well: Ismail Shuja Abadi

Lahore (Staff Reporter) Leader of Worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat Movement, Ismail Shuja Abadi and missionary Maulana Abdul Naeem said in their addresses to the gathering of students and scholars at Jamia Ahya Ul Aloom and Maftoha Lil Muslimat that Muslim community has separated Qadianis from Islam and Muslims due to their false faith. We will not let any Qadiani join the sect of Muslim. We will not let anyone make Qadianiat Prevention Act ineffective at any cost. They urged to remove Qadianis from prominent posts. Abdul Naeem said that faith of Khatm e Nauwat is a primary faith of Islam and entire building of Islam is based on it. Without believing Khatm e Nabuwat unconditionally, faith of Islam is incomplete. Protection of Khatm e Nabuwat and honor of Holy Prophet (PBUH) is a religious duty. Scholars expressed severe concerns over the rising conspiracies of Qadianis in Pakistan and asked government to perform its duty of stopping them from nefarious activities.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Wednesday, 2nd January, 2019)



Qadianis are the traitors of the country and the nation, and are rebellion against the constitution, Maulana Muhammad Ismael

The selection of Qadiani teachers for teaching the subject of Islamiyat by the government is rebellion against the constitution of Pakistan.

Chiniot (Special Representative) The appointment of Qadiani teachers to teach the subject of Islamiyat in schools and colleges throughout Punjab by the government is a step of rebellion against the constitution of Pakistan and against the ideology of Pakistan. A Non-Muslim cannot be eligible to teach Islamic teachings. These thoughts were by the Preacher of International Majlis Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuat Maulana Muhammad Ismael Shujabadi while talking to the media representatives. He also said that Qadianis are the traitors of the country and the nation, and are rebellion against the constitution. And the ones responsible for rebellion can never be faithful to the country. The Muslim teachers can teach Islamic teachings in a better manner. While answering a question he said that the government should hold the Qadianis present in their circles accountable, and should stop the Qadianis in their non-constitutional activities. The selection of the Qadiani to teach Islamic subjects is indeed condemnable, we will not tolerate it. We will not hesitate from any kind of sacrifice for the honor of the Holy Prophet and the belief of Khatm e Nabuat.

(Daily Pakistan Lahore, 7th January, 2019)



Qadiani teachers should be dismissed immediately: Muhammad Abdi Poori

There should be a single period on regular basis on the topic of Khatm e Nabuat and the Safeguard of the Honour of the Prophet in the Colleges and Universities.

Faisalabad (Beauru Report) Abid Poori Member of International Majlis Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuat Muhammad Abid Poori has made a strong demand to the President of Pakistan, The Prime Minister of Pakistan and the provincial Ministers in the Education department that Non-Muslim Qadiani teachers should be dismissed at once from Government and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities. Especially the Non-Muslim Qadiani teachers should be dismissed at once who are teaching the period of Islamiyat. Rather all the Qadianis present in the Government and Private Departments. Firstly, Atif Miyan Qadiani was the advisor of Imran Khan, than Asia Messiah the accursed was released. Now Non-Muslim Qadiani teachers are being appointed teachers in Schools, Colleges and Universities.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Saturday 12th January 2019)



Qadianis are the traitors of this nation. They transgress the constitution and are a danger to this country: Maulana Abdul Kareem Naqshbandi

By holding the annual convention at Qadian they spread false propaganda against Pakistan and Islam and fulfill the agenda presented by the West. Minister of foreign affairs is answerable for this.

Chiniot (Special Correspondent). Those who transgress the constitution cannot be loyal to this nation. Hence, Qadianis are the traitors of this nation. They transgress the constitution and are a danger to this country. They refuse to accept their identity as the non-Muslim minority, portray themselves as Muslims before the entire world and do propaganda against Islam and the country. By holding the annual convention at Qadian they spread false propaganda against Pakistan and Islam and fulfill the agenda presented by the West. Minister of foreign affairs is answerable as to why hundreds and thousands of Qadianis are permitted to visit the annual congregation held at Qadian, India. These views were expressed by a renowned cleric Maulana Qari Pir Ji Naqshbandi who also chairs Tehreek e Falah Darain, at Jami Masjid Zakarriyya. He added that the nation is demanding the government as to why Qadianis, who believe in one nation in the form of a strong India, are allotted a visa for India for a paltry sum of 25 rupees. Why, in the name of giving due rights to minority as was the case in Medina, Qadianis are being vouchsafed such privileges. India is an old rival of Pakistan. Hence to allow thousands of Qadianis to visit there is a danger to this nation as well. This ought to be investigated at the highest level as to who is supporting them and providing them means of transport and visa at such a small amount. Those who claim to make this nation follow on the footsteps of Medina ought to investigate about the Qadianis hiding within them. There will be no compromise of Khatm e Nabuwat. It is the foundation stone of the faith. We would not let anyone harm the sanctity of the Prophet hood and are ever-ready to sacrifice ourselves.

(Daily Pakistan Lahore Page 7, 12th January 2019)



Islam is a religion of peace and security, will sacrifice our lives for the safeguard of Khatm e Nabuat: Khatm e Nabuat Conference.

If Prime Minister ship from high above, than it can also be taken back, last year a Prime Minister was taught a lesson regarding Khatm e Nabuat.

Some sources are doing politics in the name of Khatm e Nabuat, address of Pir Nizam Uddin, Kaukab Norani, Zulfiqar Bukhari and others.

Islamabad (Correspondent) It was said in International Khatm e Nabuat Conference held in Darbar e Aaliya Golra Sharif that Islam is a religion of peace and security. In the current age only Islam can provide the guarantee of peace throughout the world. The current century is the century of the Islamic revolution. The belief of Khatm e Nabuat is the base of faith. We consider it a privilege to sacrifice our lives for the safeguard of the honour of the Holy Prophet. The godly people and the saints preached the message of Islam in the light of the Holy Quran and Sunnah while joining the hearts of the public and through their good conduct. This conference was presided by the Sajjad Nasheen of Golra Shareef Pir Ghulam Nizam Uddin Gilani. Special advisor to the Prime Minister Syed Zulfiqar Bukhari, Allama Kaukab Norani and other clerics from around the world delivered their speeches. Sajjada Nasheen of Darbar e Aaliya Golra Shareef Pir Ghulam Nizam Uddin said in his speech that the objective of this conference was to highlight the belief of Khatm e Nabuat. The real objective of the life of Hadhrat Pir Syed Mehar Ali Shah was the safeguard of the belief of Khatm e Nabuat. Hadhrat Pir Mehar Ali Shah performed the task of safeguarding the belief of Khatm e Nabuat. He also said that the saints are not involved in any kind of terrorism. A Muslim is one from whose hand and tongue the other Muslims are safe. There is no room for terrorism in Islam. He also said that unfortunately the Ahl e Sunnat are not on a same page. At this point of time the unity of Ahl e Sunnat is the need of time and Islam does not allow extremism and terrorism. Some so-called clerics are doing personal politics in the name of the belief of Khatm e Nabuat. This is not increasing their status on the contrary it is decreasing it. The Chief of Army Staff, Chief Justice, The President, The Prime Minister and every citizen is a protector of the belief of Khatm e Nabuat. He also said that how can a single person be allowed to become responsible for the belief of Khatm e Nabuat. Special advisor to the Prime Minister Syed Zulfiqar Bukhari said that no one can be a Muslim without the belief of Khatm e Nabuat, the Prime Minister is a lover of the Holy Prophet (P B U H). Whenever he goes to Medinah he goes bare footed. We want Pakistan a state similar to the state of Medinah. We are preparing such a wall on Khatm e Nabuat which will be unbreakable. He also said that our Prophet Muhammad (P B U H) is the leader and head of all the Prophets. He is the final Prophet of Allah. He also said that with relevance to the belief of Khatm e Nabuat everyone is on the same page. Allama Kaukab Norani said that if the Prime Ministership can be given given from here it can also be taken back. Last year a Prime Minister was taught a lesson regarding Khatm e Nabuat you should remember that. Other clerics also said that we will not hesitate from any kind of sacrifice for the safeguard of the Honour of the Prophet.

(DailyAusaf Lahore, Tuesday, 09th January 2019)



We will compete against those who plan to conspire against Qadianiat prevention act: Worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat Movement

Protection of faith of Khatm e Nabuwat is a way to obtain intercession of Holy Prophet (PBUH).

Mujahadeen Khatm e Nabuwat defeated Qadianis at every forum: Aziz Ur Rehman

Qadianis do not waste any opportunity to destabilize the country: Abdul Naeem and Qari Jameel Ur Rehman

Lahore (Staff Reporter) Leaders of Worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat Movement, Aziz Ur Rehman, Abdul Naeem, Jameel Ur Rehman Akhtar, Abdul Aziz and Aleem Uddin Shakir said in their addresses to the gathering that Muslim community never let any false claimant of prophet hood successful. They said that Muslims will keep on protecting law of blasphemy and Qadianiat prevention act. They will not step back from scarifying anything for the faith of Khatm e Nabuwat. Qadianis always use nefarious tactics with an aid of their foreign masters to ruin the image of the country. It is evident for every Muslim to protect himself from the deceits of Qadianis. Programs of Khatm e Nabuwat conferences and courses are being finalized.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Monday, 7th January, 2019)



Under the supervision of government hundreds and thousands of Qadianis were sent to partake in the annual congregation held in India: Internntional Khatm e Nabuwat Movement

Qadianis travelled to India by paying the [small] amount of 2500 rupees only and the visa was issued within minutes. What is the purpose behind such a large number of people visiting Qadian, India?

Qadianis already dream of a strong and united India and do not accept Pakistan as an independent state. It is not safe [for Pakistan] to allow them to visit India.

Chenab Nagar (correspondent Ausaf): Under the supervision and protocol of government hundreds and thousands of Qadianis from Chenab Nagar were sent to partake in the annual congregation held in India. This is worried the Ulemas and the Muslims alike. What is the purpose behind such a large number of people visiting Qadian, India? It is not safe [for Pakistan] to allow them to visit India. The sources revealed that this annual congregation is held on 26 to 28 December each year and they spew hatred and conspire against Islam in [their speeches]. A huge number of people from Chenab Nagar and hundreds and thousands from the rest of the country travel to India by paying a small amount of 2500 rupees only. They were granted the visa within minutes and were sent off to Qadian with protocol. Why do these Qadianis visit a state which is the enemy of Pakistan? This issue needs to be taken seriously. The vice president of International Khatm e Nabuwat Maulana Shabeer Ahmad Usmani remarked that it is not safe [for Pakistan] to allow such a large number of Qadianis from Chenab Nagar to visit India. The government ought to take the notice immediately. Qadianis already dream of a strong and united India and refuse to accept Pakistan as an independent state. Hence, it is dangerous to send them to India. The government must take the notice immediately. It needs to disclose as to how so many people were able to travel to India. He said that Qadianis are already misleading the world by using the name of Islam and defaming Pakistan and conspiring against the state. Even on this annual gathering, they spoke against Pakistan and Islam and pleased their masters in the West. This is the true purpose of Qadianis and the West alike. He asked the government to keep an eye on their ploys and actions and make them follow the constitution.

Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Thursday, 10 January, 2019



We will not let Qadiani and Jewish agendas be prevailed. We will fail all conspiracies of enemies: Khatm e Nabuwat Movement

5 % quota of non-Muslim teachers to teach Islamiyat is non-religious. It is an act of treason with Islam and an attack on the faiths of Muslim students.

If Punjab higher education cannot proceed with the concept of Islamization then it must refrain itself from taking any anti-Islamic step: Aziz Ur Rehman, Abdul Naeem and others

Lahore (News Agency) Missionaries of Worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat Movement, Aziz Ur Rehman Sani, Abdul Naeem, Abdul Aziz, Pir Rizwan Nafees, Khalid Mahmood, Qari Zahoor Ul Haq and Saeed Waqar expressed severe concerns over Punjab Higher Education's decision of assigning 5% quota to non-Muslim teachers to teach Islamiyat. They rejected the reform by terming it anti-Islamic and anti-constitutional.

(Daily Din Lahore, Wednesday, 9th January, 2019)



The evil of Qadianiat is making the things worse in the country, Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuat.

The Course of Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuat will prove to be a milestone against the evil activities of the Qadianis.

If the Muslims will not safeguard the honour than they will be subjected to humiliation, the address of the leaders.

Lahore (Political Reporter) Central Office Bearers of International Majlis Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuat Maulana Aziz Ur Rehman Sani, Qari Jameel Ur Rehman Akhtar, Maulana Abdul Naeem, Maulana Qari Aleem Uddin Shakir, Maulana Syed Zia Ul Hasan Shah, Maulana Abdul Shakoor Haqqani, Maulana Qari Zahoor Ul Haq, Maulana Khalid Mahmood while addressing the gathering said that different programs and Tahffuz e Khatm e Nabuat Courses throughout the country will prove to be a milestone in the implementation of Islam, the safeguard of the belief of Khatm e Nabuat, in the promotion of national solidarity and unity, in discouraging the sectarianism, and also to reveal the international conspiracies. Along with these it will also prove to be a milestone in ending the non-constitutional evil activities of the Qadianis. If the Muslims will be neglige while safeguarding the honour and Khatm e Nabuat than our worth will be less than an animal having the disease of itching. This will result in humiliation, sub ordination for us. According to conspiracy the anti-Pakistan activities of the enemies and the Qadianis and their preaching activities are being promoted. The evil of Qadianiat is making the things worse in the country in the current circumstances.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Monday, 21st January, 2019)



The Government should stop the ever increasing evil activities of the evil of Qadianiat: Majlis Khatm e Nabuat

The Qadiani and the Jewish Lobby are after the removal of the Safeguard of the Honour of the Prophet Act, Abdul Naeem, Abdul Aziz.

Lahore (Staff Reporter) The Missionary of International Majlis Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuat Lahore Maulana Abdul Naeem, Maulana Qari Abdul Aziz, Maulana Mashood Ahmad, Maulana Habib Ur Rehman Ziai, Maulana Abdul Khaliq, Maulana Waseem Ullah, Bhai Ibrahim while addressing the gathering in the Central Mosque Farooq E Azam in Gulshan Ravi Lahore said that while joining hands with the anti-Islam forces the Qadiani and the Jewish Lobby are after the removal of the Safeguard of the Honour of the Prophet Act. The lovers of Khatm e Nabuat will not any such evil conspiracy to succeed. The lovers of the Holy Prophet (P B U H) will continue to safeguard the law of the Honor of the Holy Prophet (P B U H). Upon the base of the belief of khatm e Nabuat the whole building of Islam is standing and without which complete non-conditional believe upon the belief of Khatm e Nabuat the religion of Islam is incomplete. The Clerics have expressed their deep concerns upon the ever increasing evil activities of the evil of Qadianiat in this beloved country. They have made a demand the ever increasing evil activities of the evil of Qadianiat should be stopped which is their first and foremost responsibility.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Monday, 14th January, 2019)



Qadiani teachers should be dismissed from the educational institutes at once, Majlis Khatm e Nabuat

Muslims Teachers should be appointed after strict scrutiny for teaching Islamiyat, the Clerics

Lahore (Staff Reporter) leaders of International Majlis Tahaffuz e Khatm e Nabuat Maulana Aziz Ur Rehman Sani, Missionary of Lahore Maulana Abdul Naeem, Pir Rizwan Nafees said that the promotion of the deniers of Khatm e Nabuat and the conspiracy of converting the Muslim students to Qadiani is a rebellion against Islam and the constitution of Pakistan. The Qadiani teachers working in government and private schools, colleges and universities, and the Muslim teachers should be appointed after scrutiny for teaching Islamiyat so that the faith of the students should remain safe and they should stay safe from the trap of the Qadianis. 5% quota that is being given to the non-Muslims for teaching the period of Islamiyat. This is giving complete benefit to the Qadianis to promote their non-Islamic activities in the educational institutions. This is causing a huge cause of concern for the Muslims. He also said that to declare the innocent citizens as terrorist is extremely

shameful, where are the ones that were the claimers of an state like Medinah. He also said that the ones who were claimers of making a state like Medinah have started the killing of the innocent people.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Tuesday 22nd January 2019)



We will not let the conspiracy of converting Chenab Nagar be into Rabwah again, Qari Shabbir.

It is the responsibility of the state to abolish the biased justice system and illegal occupation.

Chiniot (Reporter) Central vice president of International Khatm e Nabuwat Maulana Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani and Deputy secretary of Majlis Ahrar e Islam Maulana Mohammad Mugheera said that it is necessary for the law enforcement agencies to apply the Qadianiyat act completely. Founder of terrorism is America and spreading it in the name of finishing it. Qadianis are the production of the foreign agenda, and Rabwah is used to fulfill this. They said that Qadianis will be chased in Rabwah on every level. They demanded that the government must implement its writ here and demolish the dream of Qadianis to make this city as a state within the state. Muslims are being harassed by sealing the city with illegal cemented blocks and barriers.

(Daily Nawa i Waqt Lahore, 4th January, 2019)



The increasing activities of the evil of Qadianiat and their foul activities should be stopped: Shahid Mubeen

While ensuring the supremacy of the law Qadianis should be removed from key government posts

Sialkot (Beauru Report) An active member of Tehreek e Khatm e Nabuat Shahid Mubeen Qadri said that the increasing activities of the evil of Qadianiat and their foul activities should be stopped in the beloved country. To stop the evil of Qadianiat the government should not overlook, but on the contrary while ensuring the supremacy of the law Qadianis should be removed from key government posts. Beside while removing Qadianis from key posts an eye should also be kept on the activities of the Qadianis. An action should also be taken against the administration for appointing teachers in colleges and schools for teaching and education. He further said that several



Qadiani teachers are making the students go away from faith in the educational institutes throughout the world. They are giving the kids false information about Khatm e Nabuat.

(Daily Khabrain Lahore, 27th January, 2019)



Providing subsidy to Qadianis is an act of treason with Khatm e Nabuwat: leader of Jamiat Ahl e Hadees, Chiniot

Qadianis are the traitors of country and rebels of constitution. Providing assistance to them is equivalent to troubling Muslims.

Those who chant slogan of state of Medina have made it difficult to visit it by increasing the expanses of Hajj: Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani and others

Chiniot (Pakistan Correspondent) President of Jamiat Ahl e Hadees, Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani presided over the meeting at Central Mubarak Mosque. President of Tehsil Lalian, Ameer Akhtar and president of Bhawana, Shehzad Mumtaz Chadhar along with Rehmani said in their addresses to the workers that Qadianis are hypocrites. Providing relaxation of conducting annual meeting to Qadianis is surprising and equivalent to adding insult to injury of Muslims of Pakistan. Qadianis are about to reach their logical conclusion. Protection of faith of Khatm e Nabuwat is indeed a protection of Islam.

(Daily Pakistan, Lahore, 24th January 2019)



Modi favours aggressive approach

Qadianis are sowing the seeds of hate against Islam and Pakistan

Conspiracies against 295 C and the minority law are still underway, [we would] put an end to them.

The tenet of Khatme Nabuwat is the foundation of Islam. Maulana Muhammad Mugheera

We could fight off these [pagan] forces only by means of passion of Jihad

Chenab Nagar (representative Ausaf) Secretary General Majlis Ahrar Ul Islam Pakistan Abdul Lateef Khalid Cheema whilst talking before the participants of the conference held in the memory of 10,000 martyrs, who sacrificed their lives for the sacred movement of Khatm e Nabuwat in 1953, said that Qadianis were involved in the partition of Bangladesh. They are sowing the seeds of hate against Islam and Pakistan and approve Narendra Modi's aggressive approach. He added that the blood of the martyrs of 1953 movement prevailed when in 1974 Bhutto declared Qadianis and Lahori. Mirzais a non-Muslim minority. Conspiracies against 295 C and the minority law are still underway, [we would] put an end to them. The blood of the martyrs calls for us to establish Islamic setup, safeguard the belief of Khatm e Nabuwat. He asked of the participants to stand in unity for the stability of the beloved nation. The preacher at Jami Masjid Ahrar Chenab Nagar Maulana Mugheera that the tenet of Khatm e Nabuwat is the foundation on which Islam rests and to go against it and continue with the spread of *tabligh* is a crime under the law. But in all parts of the country including Rabwah this anti-Qadianiat law is not being implemented. Vice president of Majlis Ahrar Syed Muhammad Kafeel Bukhari conversing at the conference held in Gujranwala on Friday said that Islam is a universal religion and Jihad holds a significant status in it. We could fight off these [pagan] forces, including India, only by means of passion of Jihad. Since we have an army that firmly beliefs in Jihad and [treads on the intricacies of] faith, Pakistan has nothing to fear. To wage war against Modi, the whole nation stands together on one page and supports the army.

Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Saturday 02 March, 2019



If Qadianis accept Islam, we will embrace them. India will be demolished: Khatm E Nabuwat conference

We will sacrifice everything for the protection of honor of Holy Prophet (PBUH):Khalid Mehmood, Ilyas Chinioti, Tahir Masood, Ismat Ulla, kufail Bukhari, Saod Ulla Qadri Mufti Zaheer, Qari Ahmad Ali, Muhammad Rafiq, Badr e Alam, Sana ulla, Aziz ur Rehman Sani

Topics of Khatm E Nabuwat must be included in syllabus. Activities of Qadianis must be banned: Resolutions

Chiniot (Report: Shehzad Mehmood Akbar) Speakers congratulate Pakistan Army for its befitted reply to Indian aggression in their addresses during annual khatm e Nabuwat conference. They said India must realize that we are patriots. Our hearts are filled with patriotism. We are proud of our armed forces. Speakers challenged Khalifa of Qadianis, Mirza Masroor Ahmad for dialogue and invited him to accept Islam. Speakers pledged to invite him to accept Islam till the end of their lives by following the Sunna of Manzoor Chinioti. Dr Khalid Mehmood said that Manzoor Chinioti invited Mirza Masroor Ahmad to accept Islam but Qadianis fled away. Truth was prevailed while spurious

claims were proved to be false. Khalid urged Qadianis to accept their constitutional identity or affiliate themselves with the teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH). Secret of their success lies in it. Ilyas Chinioti said that we will not let any effort of amending law of Khatm e Nabuwat or making it ineffective be prevailed. Every conspiracy of Qadianis will be failed. Terrorism in the country is unacceptable. He urged to make terrorists exemplary. Till the time, Qadianis don't accept their constitutional identity; our struggle against Qadianis will be continued. We cannot make any compromise on it. Tahir Masood said that there is no religion of Qadianis. We agreed with operation Raad Ul Fasad. We will follow evil of Qadianiat at every corner of the world. Asmat Ulla Bandialwi said that there is no need for any kind of prophet in Islam anymore. Qadianis are agents of imperial British. They always defamed Islam and khatm e Nabuwat. Kufail Bukhare said the Muslim community unanimously agreed that none of prophets will be emerged after the emergence of Holy Prophet (PBUH). Claims of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani proved to be false and caused aberration. Saif Ulla Qadri said that jihad is soul of Islam and saying of Holy Prophet (PBUH). It will be lasted till doomsday. Survival of Muslim lies in it. Mufti Zaheer said we want to tell Europe and America that there is no need for any kind of democratic revolution except Muhammadi (PBUH) revolution. Qari Ahmad Ali and Qari Rafiq said that Qadianis are responsible for sectarianism and extremism in the country. Badr e Alam, Sana Ulla and Aziz ur Rehman Sani said that Muslim community should be united by getting rid of hate and division. Participants urged to rename Jamia Nusrat Girls High School Chenab Nagar after Jamia Sayyeda Ayesha Siddiqua or Jamia Sayyeda Fatima Zuhra, to introduce section of religion in CNIC, to implement Islamic punishment of apostate as per the recommendations of Islami Nazrayati Council, to transfer green belts and roads of Chenab Nagar to TMA, to retrieve possession from Qadianis, to deliver one Friday Sermon on the topics of supremacy of faith of Khatm e Nabuwat every month, to devote one day against Qadianis and to capture charitable endowments of Qadianis.

(Daily Nawai Waqt, Lahore, 28th February, 2019)



Annual Shuhada Khatm e Nabuwat conference will be held today in Chenab Nagar.

Arrangements have been completed and beautiful stage has been set up. Rich tribute will be paid to Khatm e Nabuwat martyrs of 1953.

Chenab Nagar (Ausaf Correspondent) Center of Khatm e Nabuwat, Jamia Usmania will organize annual conference today. Tribute will also be paid to elites of Khatm e Nabuwat. This conference will prove to be decisive to instruct Qadianis and to eliminate sectarianism from the country. Various scholars, lawyers and journalists will address the participants. Qari Shabbir Usmani will preside over the conference while Salman Usmani will monitor activities. Salman Usmani told media

correspondents that this conference is being organized as a part of our tradition. Duty of inviting deniers of khatm e Nabuat has been performed since long. This conference has historical importance. It will have long-lasting impacts on the land of Chenab Nagar.

(Daily Ausaf Lahore, Thursday, 7th March, 2019)



No compromise should be made on faith of Khatm e Nabuwat: Alama Ahmad Ali Siraj

Anwar e Khatm e Nabuwat institute is protecting and taking care of those people who left Qadianiat and accepted Islam.

Zafarwal (Tehsil Reporter) International Khatm e Nabuwat movement, Narowal organized 10th annual conference at city marriage hall. Various scholars and poets participated in it. Conference officially started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Sami Ulla Arfi and Ahmad ul Hussaini recited Naats. Ahmad Ali Siraj said in his address that Muslims should pay attention to their beliefs. Gull Muhammad Tauhidi praised Manzoor Chinioto for his services. Qasim Siddiqui, Yahya Khan Mohsin, Ifatkhar ulla Shakir and Khawaja Murtaza highlighted the importance of faith of khatm e nabuwat in light of Quran and Sunna.

(Daily Khabrain Lahore, 18th March, 2019)



The members of the parliament in the light of their oath ought to play the role in the implementation of the anti-Qadiani act. International Majlis Tahafuz Khatm e Nabuwat Qadianis are breaking the law and plotting propaganda all over the world against the aforementioned act.

The Muslims of Pakistan will never agree to any changes in 295-C section of the act. Maulana Ismail Shuja Abadi and various other Ulemas at a conference.

Lahore (Staff Reporter): At the international Tahafuz e Nabuwat Conference held under the arrangements of International Majlis Tahafuz Khatm e Nabuwat the speakers said that whosoever will defend the belief of the Khatm e Nabuwat and strive for this cause will for sure go to Paradise. During the reign of Hazrat Abu Bakr^{r.a} to defend the sanctity of the finality of the prophet hood a movement was started to suppress Musailma Kazzab and 1200 companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa} defended this holy cause with their blood. The members of the parliament in the light of their oath ought to play their respective roles in the implementation of the 1974 minority act and anti-Qadiani act of 1984. These views were expressed by the central Nazim of International Majlis Khatme Nabuwat, Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi, Maulana Aziz ur Rehman Sani, Maulana Abdul Naeem and Maulana Abdul Aziz at Jamia Masjid Australia and Lahore. Maulana Shuja Abadi stated that Qadianiat is the biggest and the most dangerous threat and sedition of the current time. Only Qadiani group has not criticized the Indian oppression because they firmly believe in a united India. Maulana Aziz ur Rehman Sani said that Pakistan came into being in the name of Islam. However, since the very beginning of its formation Qadianis tried to wreak havoc and shed blood in the region. First foreign minister of Pakistan Zafrullah Khan replaced the foreign offices of Pakistan abroad with Qadiani mission houses, aimed to spread their subversive propaganda. The Muslims of Pakistan will never agree to any changes in 295-C section of the act. All Muslims serve as the defenders of Khatm e Nabuwat. The most important teneth in Islam is that of prophet hood. To protect is how all the beliefs of Islam are safeguarded and on which the basis of faith is based.

(Daily Ausaf Lahore, Sunday, 10th March 2019)



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(Daily 92 News, Faisalabad. Tuesday 26 March 2019)



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Increasing activities and conspiracies of Qadianis are alarming. We would not tolerate any change in the Khatm e Nabuwat clause and continue to contain [their efforts].

Huge masses from Sheikhupura and other districts partook in the conference. Strict security; more than 50 people spoke before the participants

Sheikupura (From Azeem Ahmad Yazdani): A Khatm e Nabuwat Conference was organized at Company Baagh by International Jamiat Ahl e Hadith. They also celebrated the Defense Day. The conference commenced after Asr prayers and ended before the call of Fajr prayers. During this 12 hours long conference, the speakers said that Pakistan was founded in the name of Islam and it is the system of Islam which guarantees the success and stability of this country. Religious bodies will sacrifice everything to safeguard the belief of Khatm e Nabuwat. To contain [the efforts and end the conspiracies against it] is a noble cause and we would continue to strive for it. Increasing activities and conspiracies of Qadianis are alarming and dangerous for the nation. We would not tolerate any change in the Khatm e Nabuwat clause. The defense of Pakistan is within strong and firm hands and the whole nation stands beside our army. The conference was presided over by international leader of Jamiat Ahl e Hadith Allama Hafiz Tariq Mahmood Yazdani Gujrati; whereas Liaqat Baloch, Syed Raza Ziaullah Shah Bukhari, Hafiz Abdul Ghaffar Ropari, Hafiz Tahir Mahmood Ashrafi, Maulana Fazlur Rehman Madni, Qari Fiazul Hassan Jameel Alazhari, Maulana Manzoor Ahmad, Hafiz Zakirur Rehman Sadeeqi, Qari Naemur Rehman Aziz Sheikhupuri, Maulana Muhammad Shamshad Ahmad Salfi, member of national assembly Mian Muhammad Javed Lateef, Shehzad Ali Virk and various others spoke at the conference. They said that the belief in Khatm e Nabuwat is not part of faith, rather, it is faith! We are ever-ready to sacrifice everything to uphold it. They all agreed that it is the unanimous duty of each and every one of them. Huge masses from Sheikhupura and other districts partook in the conference. Strict security measures were taken. Despite the district police providing safety, 250 individuals of Ahl e Hadith Youth Force also ensured security and walk-through gates were also erected [to enhance safety measures].

(Daily 92 News Faisalabad, Monday, April 1st 2019.)



Increasing hostile activities of Qadianis are a ploy to destroy the city's peace. Ulema In the name of lease Qadianis have taken control of Chenab Nagar land and formed their own state within. This is a proof of police's incompetency and raises questions about the management's [work]. International khatme nabuwat movement would continue to track [and defend against] those who deny the finality of the prophethood. Maulana muhammad ilyas chinioti. Maulana Muhammad Qari Rafeeq Nafeesi.

Chenab Nagar (correspondent): Increasing hostile activities of Qadianis are a ploy to destroy the city's peace. Abusing newly converted Muslims have become a norm for Qadianis and they have further made it really hard for the Muslims to live. In the name of lease Qadianis have taken control of Chenab Nagar land and formed their own state within. This is a proof of police's incompetency and raises questions about the management's [work]. These non constitutional growing acts of violence from Qadianis speak volumes about the fact that it is being done to please Qadianis. I would raise this issue on assembly's forum. International khatme nabuwat movement would continue to track [and defend against] those who deny the finality of the prophethood. To guard this tenet is our mission and agenda. These views were expressed by international president of khatme nabuwat movement Pakistan respected Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti. Talking to the media Maulana Qari Rafeeq Nafeesi (deputy secretary international khatme nabuwat movement) said that to persecute and abuse newly converted Muslim Tahir is a grave mistake and unfortunate. It speaks about the fact that management wants to please Qadianis and is a blemish on good governance

(Daily Pakistan Lahore, 8th April, 2019)



Faith of Khatm e Nabuwat is primary faith of Islam: religious scholars

Worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat movement organized 2 day Khatm e Nabuwat course at central Aman mosque, Baghbanpura GT road Lahore.

Lahore (News Reporter) Qari Jameel Ur Rehman Akhtar, Abdul Aziz, Abdul Naeem, Zubair Jameel, Obaid Ur Rehman Muawiya, Abdul Waheed and other scholars delivered speeches during course. In charge of Khatm e Nabuwat movement Lahore, Jameel ur Rehman said that protection of Khatm e Nabuwat is central point of unity of community. Missionary in charge, Abdul Aziz urged new generation to be aware of false beliefs of Qadianis to protect their faiths. Qadiani lobby is continuously defaming Islam and Pakistan at international level by pretending to be innocent. Abdul Naeem said Pakistan is ideological country that came into being on the name of Kalima Tayyiba. Islam is its official religion and objectives resolution theory is part of its constitution.

(Daily Nawai Waqt Lahore, 21st April, 2019)



Qadianies are more visible in the halls of government this term, Ilyas Chinioti, Shabeer Usmani, Sahibzada Zahid Mehmood

Qadianies can be a threat to the solidarity of the country because they have been against the country and constitution so no good can be expected from them.

According the constitution and decree of court these people are outside the fold of Islam and a non-Muslim minority. Conversation with Journalists.

Chenab Nagar (Ausaaf Correspondent) Qadianies can be seen more and more in the halls of government, these are the views expressed by Ilyas Chinioti, Shabeer Usmani, Sahibzada Zahid Mehmood. They further said that these Ahmadies can be dangerous for the unity of Pakistan. Ahmadies are enemies of the nation and constitution; they have been declared a non-Muslim minority. Moreover they are not only disobeying the direct orders for the parliament and courts, they are lobbying internationally against these laws. That is why American Congress and other international bodies are lobbying and putting pressure on the government against the laws of Blasphemy and the protection of the finality of the prophet hood. The government should take some serious measure to tackle this lobbying and Qadiani officers who have high ranks they do the anti-Pakistan propaganda and defame the country internationally.

(Daily Ausaf Lahore, Friday, 19th April, 2019)



Believe on Khatm e Nabuwat converts human beings into atomic bomb: Ashraf Asif
Strength of ideology and technology is essential for the dignity of Muslim community.
Even 35 years have gone, there is still a big question mark on non-implementation of Qadianiat prevention act.
Slogans of Allah Akbar, Islam and Pakistan were raised during “Strength of Islam” conference.

Lahore (Correspondent) Labaik Movement organized historical “Strength of Islam” conference during fifth annual Khatam Sharif of the mother of Ashraf Asif Jalali at Hudhrat Pir Murad Shah ground. The motive of the conference was to celebrate a day of 26th April, 1984 when Qadianiat prevention act was included in Pakistan panel code and to launch an appeal to implement that act. Sajada Nasheen of Astana Aliya Sharaqpur, Mian Waleed Ahma Sharaqpuri presided over the conference whereas Pir Naveed Ul Hassan Shah was the chief guest on the occasion. Sufi Ghulam Sarwar Jalali administered the event. Scenes were emotional when supremacy of more than 100 scholars who were arrested on the name of khatm e nabuwat, presented.

(Daily Mashriq 29th April 2019)



Inquiry into the removal of the teneth of Khatme Nabuwat from the syllabus begins.
The error was found in the fourth class Islamiat book. Those responsible would face strict punishment. Advisor for education Zia ullah Bangash

Kohat (Bureau Report) For not including the belief of Khatme Nabuwat into the Islamiat Book, the advisor [to the chief minister KPK] for education Zia ullah Bangash took the action and gave the director of education the authority to investigate the matter. The aforementioned director submitted his report affirming that there were errors found in the book. Taking notice of the matter the advisor issued the instruction and formed a committee chaired by additional secretary establishment education department. The said committee would further inquire into the matter and would allot severe punish to those found responsible for the act. The advisor further instructed to remove the 2019 edition of the book from the schools and instead be issued a 2018 edition from the test book board's stock. He said that the belief in Khatme Nabuwat is a part of our faith and there is no compromise in the matter. Those found involved will be severely punished. The book issued by Khyber Pakhtunkhwa education board had removed questions and certain matter pertaining to Khatme Nabuwat. In 2018 edition, it was clearly stated that The Holy Prophet^{sa} was the last prophet and there would come no prophet after him. Anyone who would claim to be a prophet after his demise would be false and be considered out of the fold of Islam. This was removed from the 2019 edition and questions concerning the aforementioned topic were also removed. These changes were done both in the Urdu and Pashto version of the book.

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Lahore High Court gave first ever verdict in Urdu in its 150 years of history.
Honorable court ordered to capture altered publications and to strictly monitor them.
Government must only give permission to authorized publishers to publish Holy Quran.

Lahore (INP) In its verdict related to altered publications, Lahore High Court ordered to immediately capture unauthorized publications. Justice Shujat Ali Khan gave verdict on the petition. Court ordered federal and provincial governments to ensure availability of authorized versions at district and tehsil levels and to consult authorized versions while rectifying mistakes in previous versions. Court further asked government to only permit publishers authorized by Quran Board to publish Holy Quran.

(Daily Khabrain, 4th May, 2019)



First ever verdict in Urdu: Lahore High Court ordered to immediately capture unauthorized publications.

Justice Shujat Ali Khan ordered to initiate the process of monitoring to end unauthorized publications of Holy Quran. He asked PEMRA to make reforms to remove illegal publications.

Court verdict: Only authorized publishers are allowed to publish Holy Quran. Publishers must assign code to religious literature. Name of publisher must be written on every page.

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(Daily Mashriq, 4th May, 2019)



Federal government made an announcement to form joint board of scholars to put an end to hate literature.

Islamabad (Sabah News) 8th meeting of scholar council has been called on in Peshawar today. According to statement released by assistant of ministry of religious affairs, reforms related to national integrity and religious tolerance will be reviewed during the meeting. Recommendations

of council and its performance will also be discussed. Role of council is important in relation with inter-sect tolerance. He further added that role of scholar is also critical for the betterment of society and promotion of Islamic symbols.

(Daily Khabrain, 28th April, 2019)



Basic human rights are suspended. They need to be restored: representative of Ahmadiyya Community

Id card forms require revision from scratch. Worship places should be protected.

Lahore (PR) Representative of Ahmadiyya Community that was declared non-Muslim by government of Pakistan has asked government to restore basic human rights of community. It has been stated in press release issued from Chenab Nagar (Rabwah) that government should review its current policies against Community. He has declared voter lists as a part of this conspiracy.

(Daily Mashriq, 07th May, 2019)



Qadianis and Lahori Mirzais are apostates and pagans. They are out of dimensions of Islam: Tahir Ashrafi

Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto arranged face to face meeting between Qadianis and Muslims and asked Qadianis to prove themselves Muslims. However, they couldn't prove themselves Muslims.

Ashrafi urged to make Qadianis and Lahori Mirzais abide by the constitution and to receive income-tax from them. We could not tolerate hypocrisy of Qadianis anymore.

Chiniot (Pakistan Correspondent) Wafa Trust and Ababil arranged iftar dinner at the ground of town committee Chenab Nagar. Large number of people who belong to Khatm e Nabuwat sect attended the event. Tahir Ashrafi delivered speech on the occasion. National Assembly of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto declared Qadianis non-Muslims through unanimous resolution and made that resolution part of the constitution. We do not quarrel with Qadianis. We demand Qadianis to accept their paganism or accept Islam. He urged government to either start receiving income-tax from Qadianis or stop receiving income-tax from other Muslims. There are 4 schools of thoughts of Muslims: Deobandi, Barelwi, Ahl e Hadees and Shias in Pakistan. They all are united. Qadianis and Lahori Mirzais don't accept their paganism. They deceive Muslims all over the world by using their symbols. Christians, Hosis, Sikhs and Hindus also live in Pakistan. They also accept their constitutional identity. Oneness of God, Khatm e Nabuwat of the prophet (PBUH) of God, supremacy of companions of Holy Prophet (PBUH) is our belief. Zayed Noor ul Hassan, Zulfiqar Ali Shah, CH Muhammad Aslam and others also addressed the participants. MPA of PTI, Taimoor Lali presided over the EVENT.

(Daily Pakistan, Lahore, 26TH MAY 2019)



Complete boycott of Ahmadies is a sign of love of the Holy prophet saw: Majils Tahffuz e Khatm e Nabuat

We will protect the belief in the finality of the prophet hood and honor of the holy prophet till our last breath

We would never let Qadianis propagate in the guise of inter faith harmony

Lahore (correspondent) Under the auspices of International Organization for protection of the finality of the prophet hood unit Baghbaanpura Jam e Masjid Aman there was an iftar party in the honor of the office bearers and workers of the party. Among the participants were PirRizawan Nafees, Missionary Lahore Mauna Abdul Naeem, Maulana Abdul Shukoor Haqqani, Maulana Khalid Mahmood, Maulana Zubair Jameel, Qari Zahoor ul Haq, Maulana Saeed Waqar and many others. In his address to Aftar party Maulan Azizi urrehman said that the protection of the finality of the prophet hood is foremost responsibility of every Muslim. Scholars from every school of thought of Islam has a unanimous verdict that to interact with or keeping any sort of relation to Ahamdies is strictly restricted and prohibited. To boycott with Ahmadies can be a remedy for their reformation. Complete boycott of Ahmadies is utmost important for the faith of very Muslim and a sign of love of the holy prophet saw. Qari Jameel ur Rehman Akhtar said in his address that workers that they should pick up their pace and to keep themselves aware of latest conspiracies Ahmadies they should keep in touch with the central command. The religious scholars said that the follower of the false prophets like Ahmadies and Bahaees have no religion they do not believe in the finality of the

prophet hood, they are insurgents of Islam, traitors of the constitution of Pakistan, to give them representation in interfaith is a disgrace to all the religions. They further said that Ahmadies are not only a non-Muslim minority rather they are traitors of the national constitution and enemies of the Pakistan because "Akhand Bharat" (a united India) is their revealed and religious faith. These Ahmadies are spies of India and those Ahamdies who have high ranking and sensitive posts should be observed severely because they get the pays from Pakistan but in reality they are agents of India, Israel and America.

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The Current government should collect income tax from Ahmadies as well. Abdul Ghafoor Otherwise all other religions should be exempt from income tax as well. Conversation

Chiniot (district reporter) To improve the economical conditions of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan and to fulfill the requirements of justice we demand from the prime minister of Pakistan Imran Khan Niazi and chairman FBR Shibar Zaidi to collect the income tax from Qadianis and their institutes if not then all the other religions should be exempt from it as well. These thoughts were expressed in conference with social workers by the founder of the movement to make Chiniot a district Haji Abdul Ghafoor Zahid Ludhianwi Arain, other speakers were Head of the association of citizens Rizwan Ul Haq Chauhan, Chaudhry Mohammad Umar MA and others spoke that deputy commissioner Jhang has illegally taken over the Chenab college Chiniot for 11 years this hold should be broken and the college should be handed over to deputy commissioner Chiniot, and all the deputy commissioners of the 36 districts of who have made schools or colleges on government land by the money of common folks should be taken back as well.

(Daily Khabrain Lahore, (5) 10 June, 2019)



Punjab government has decided to begin crackdown against the publishers and sellers of hate literature.

Chief Minister Punjab and interior minister agreed to coordinate to improve law and order during the meeting.

Indiscriminate operation will be continued against land-grabbers.

Lahore(General Reporter) Chief Minister Punjab, Usman Buzdar said in his meeting with federal interior minister, Brig[®] Ijaz Shah that no one can be allowed to infringe law. Implementation of law will be ensured at any cost in province. Discussion related to reforms regarding improvement of law and order and security also took place. Provincial law minister, Muhammad Basharat, Chief Secretary, Inspector general Police, additional chief secretary and principal secretary to chief minister were also present during the meeting. It was also decided to take indiscriminate action against the promoters of hate speech. Usman Buzdar said that protection of wealth and lives of people are his topmost priorities. Ijaz Shah said that federal interior ministry will offer full support to Punjab government to improve law and order. He said that he will visit different provinces, starting from Punjab. Afterwards, Usman Buzdar met minister of information, Samsam Bukhari. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to political affairs and payments to media. Buzdar said that coalition of opposition is for only short duration. It will reach to its logical conclusion very soon. He said that government will let people know about the irregularities of previous governments. Government will strongly resist non-democratic tactics of opposition. Chief Minister also presided over meeting of Punjab mass transit authority. Performance of authority and other matters were reviewed during the meeting. Chief Minister asked for suggestions to reduce operational expenses of Lahore, Multan, Rawalpindi and Islamabad metro bus service and to make it realistic. He instructed to form committee to make recommendations in this regard. He also instructed to form a committee to review operational and maintenance contracts of Lahore orange line plan. Later on, Buzdar met provincial advisor of economics and planning, Dr Salman Shah. During the meeting, reforms related to strengthening of Economy were reviewed. Buzdar said that government will ensure transparency of official resources. He ensured his full cooperation for improving economy of province. Salman Shah said that If Punjab progresses, economy will also improve. He said that he will utilize his experience and skills to improve economy. Usman Buzdar also met former governor of Punjab, Khalid Maqbool. Buzdar said that government of PTI has made notable progress in very short time. He said that he maintains direct relation with public to resolve their issues.

(Daily Pakistan, Lahore, 21st May, 2019)



Legal action must be taken against propagational activities of Qadianis: Ilyas Chinioti
It has been decided in constitution that Qadianis cannot propagate verbally or nonverbally.

Chiniot (Correspondent) President of international Khatm e Nabuwat movement said in his address while presenting resolutions that false revelation of Mirza Qadiani is being written on dumper by Qadianis. In fact, it is not a holy revelation but just a promise from his British Masters. Fir must be registered against such propagational activities of Qadianis. Constitutionally, Qadianis are non Muslim minority. Former chief Justice and representative of government, Firdaus Ashiq Awan are receiving checks from Qadianis with 'Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat written on them. It proves that both of them are accepting Qadianis as Muslims, which is sheer revolt against the constitution. Government must take notice of it. We express our hate for this audacious activity. They may take funds from Qadianis but should not accept them as Muslims. Muslims of Syria, Palestine, Kashmir and Burma are facing brutality. We ensure them that our hearts pump with their hearts. Various TV channels are promoting obscenity. These kinds of programs must be banned immediately. Media must be banned from entering schools and colleges. Irresponsible people are promoting obscenity under the cover of making videos and photos. We congratulate DPO Chiniot and entire administration for making successful security plans on the occasion of Tarawis and Eid.

(Daily Nawai Waqt Lahore, 8th June, 2019)



Income Tax ought to be taken from Qadiani institutions as well. Speakers of attending the meeting Deputy Commissioner Jhang has taken over the charge of Chenab College Chiniot(illegally) for the past eleven years. The government of Punjab ought to take this charge from him and give it to Deputy Commissioner Chiniot

Private bus and wagon stands adjacent to Khatme Nabuwat turn-about ought to be removed. Haji Rizwan, Chaudhry Muhammad Umar M.A and others

Chiniot (Roznama Pakistan representative) To improve the economic condition of Pakistan so it can stand among the developed nations and continue the path to progress, it is our request from the Prime minister Imran Khan Niazi and Chairman F.B.R Shibr Zaidi that the taxes ought to be taken from Qadiani institutions and Qadianis as well. Or else the rest should be exempted from the taxes too. These views were expressed at an event held for social workers under the supervision of the Haji Abdul Ghafoor Zahid Ludhianwi Arain who was the forerunner of the movement to make Chiniot a district. Also taking part in the conference were various speakers including Haji Rizwan Chouhan president of the Anjuman relating to its citizens, Chaudhry Muhammad Ahmad president of the Anjuman responsible for the progress of the city. Deputy Commissioner Jhang has taken over

the charge of Chenab College Chiniot (illegally) for the past eleven years. The government of Punjab ought to take this charge from him and give it to Deputy Commissioner Chiniot. The government ought to take in custody the [private] schools and colleges that are built by [such] deputy commissioners on the lands owned by government with the money taken [illegally] from the public. This would provide the government with an annual income of 40 million rupees. They also stated that each month every tehsil in the district ought to arrange for a day in which the cattle can be sold. The government would be able to profit in millions in a month for this. The former method which Shareef brothers had implemented to please their friends ought to be removed. They also asked the government to remove Amjad Gulzar resides in a private room at the hospital in headquarters of a former Tehsil; he is quack and his claim to be a real doctor is false hence he should be removed, they added. The government ought to take the illegal occupation of the land which belong to Sheikh Fazl ilahi Hospital from the department of Auqaf Punjab Lahore.

Daily Pakistan Lahore, page 8, 10 June, 2019



Shah Ahmad Noorani strove remarkably to implement the system of Prophet^{sa}: Ashraf Jalali

He played an extensive role in declaring Qadianis a non-Muslim minority

He removed any notion of hierarchy from the minds of his workers

Maulana Noorani is a role model when it comes to religious politics: Tehreek e Labaik

Lahore (News reporter) Under the supervision of Tehreek e Labaik an annual *urs* was celebrated in the memory of Quaid Ahle Sunnah Hazrat Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani; a seminar "imam Noorani seminar" was arranged at Shah Jalal Research Center Lahore. Seminar was presided over by the leader of Tehreek Sirat e Mustaqeem and Tehreek Labaik Ya Rasulallah Doctor Ashraf Asif Jalali. Mufti Huzaifa Jalali, Sahibzada Husnain Sialwi and Mufti Waseem Abasi expressed their views as well. Talking at the seminar, Doctor Ashraf Asif Jalali said that Hazrat Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani was

a sturdy obstruction against the new world order of America. Hestoveremarkably to implement the system of Prophet^{sa}. He always preferred true beliefs over personal benefits. He removed any notion of hierarchy from the minds of his workers. Many renowned dictators, rulers and feudal lords acknowledged his worthiness. He was a well-known scientist and international religious leader. Despite having a full and long political career his character remains unblemished and immaculate. He is a golden chapter in History in terms of his parliamentary efforts. He played an extensive role in declaring Qadianis a non-Muslim minority. Mufti Muhammad Huzaifa Jalali added that Shah Noorani can be regarded as a role model in Pakistan's religious politics. Even his foes acknowledged his deep approach and cognizance. Mufti Muhammad Waseem Abbasi said that Maulana Noorani gave Sunni politics a new recognition. He was a great scholar and a *Waliullah*. Sahibzada Muhammad Hassnain Sialwi stated that he fought valiantly with the forces of evil.

Daily Mashriq, (6) 23 June, 2019



Thar, Qadianat at its peak, bought many acres of land to carry on with their tabligh activities
Their missionaries are bribing the locals with [the false promises] of food, clothing, housing, education and health benefits; entering them into the folds of qadianiat
Qadiani teachers appointed in schools, [students] being taught at school about Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani.

Tharparker (correspondent) missionary activities from Qadianis have reached at its peak. Children are being taught Qadianiat in the name of Islam. According to sources qadianis have spent millions and bought several acres of land beside the road that leads to mithi. Their missionaries, profiting off from famine and poverty in the region, bribe the locals with [the false promises] of food, clothing, housing, education and health benefits; entering them into the folds of Qadianiat. Qadiani teachers are being appointed in schools and [students] are being taught about Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani.

Sources reveal that the list comprising of teachers names are made and they are funded [for this purpose]. Their progress reports too, are formed and sent to Qadiani headquarters in Rabwah (Punjab)-

Daily 92 News Karachi, Wednesday



Case was registered for amending topic of Khatm e Nabuwat in textbook.

Mistake was pointed out before publication: Deputy Director Punjab textbook board.

Lahore (Muhammad Umair) Upon the directions of deputy director, Muhammad Akhtar, case was registered against GFH publisher and author Muhammad Hussain and Mrs Uzma Azam. 36000 copies of same book were also captured. According to FIA, Punjab Curriculum and Textbook Board came to know that words related to topic of Khatm e Nabuwat were altered on page number 5 of said book. By doing so, feelings of Muslims were badly hurt. According to police, case has been registered under 295c and other articles. Complainant, Muhammad Akhtar told Express News that mistake was not rectified despite of our notification before publication.

(Daily Express Faisalabad, Thursday, 11th July 2019)



Islamabad High Court Forbids Qadianis from identifying themselves as Ahmadis: Haji Abdul Ghafoor, Zahid Ludhianwi

The High Court also said that they would not be allowed to use Ahmad as their surname because they are non-Muslims

The Court gave the reference of Surah Al-Saf verse 6 [in the support of their claim]. For the purpose of identification it has ordered [Qadianis] to use Qadiani, Ghulam Mirza or Mirzai instead; speaking to the media

Chiniot (Pakistan Correspondent) The founder of the "Make Chiniot a district" movement Haji Abdul Ghafoor Zahid Ludhianwi Arain whilst speaking to the media stated that Islamabad High Court Forbids Qadianis from identifying themselves as Ahmadis. For the purpose of identification it has ordered [Qadianis] to use Qadiani, Ghulam Mirza or Mirzai instead. The High Court also said that they would not be allowed to use Ahmad as their surname because they are non-Muslims and Ahmad is the name of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. The Court gave the reference of Surah Al-Saf verse 6 [in the support of their claim]. The court in its decision also stated that 7 September 1947 was a day of joy for every Muslim when the parliament decided to declare Qadianis a minority by adding a clause in 1973 constitution and passed the amendment with a huge majority. However, no proper efforts were made to distinguish them [from us] after the bill was passed. Qadianis have therefore taken advantage of the situation and tried their utmost to render this amendment futile. The Court also stated that other religious minorities are easily identified through their names and practices however Qadianis have names similar to Muslims and they also worship in the same manner [hence it is difficult to identify them separately].

Daily Pakistan Lahore (Pg. 7) 9 July 2019



It is brutality to stop people from performing Hajj: fiat of Wahdat e Ummat conference

If there is any amendment in laws of Khatm e Nabuwat, I will be the first to resign: Farooq Nasim

We will include more airports in road to Mecca program next year. These reforms are made by

Imran Khan who is recognized as agent of Jews by some elements: Noor Ul Haq

Citizens are the guardians of Islamic articles. Efforts pertaining to the unity of Muslims are appreciative. We cannot keep quiet over the brutality in Palestine and Kashmir: Tahir Ashrafi

Islamabad (From our staff reporter) Hajj is a duty that must be performed by every affluent person.

All schools of thoughts issued fiat during Wahdat e Ummat Conference organized by Pakistan Ulama Council. It was said in fiat that those who stop others from performing Hajj are enemies of the unity of Muslims. Participants urged people to avoid political and religious slogans and to abide

by Saudi rules and regulations. Federal Law Minister, Farooq Nasim said that government is not considering an option of amending law of Khatm e Nabuwat. It is just a propaganda. If we deduct Khatm e Nabuwat from Pakistan then there is no use of independence. Prime Minister, Imran Khan agrees to the fact that Pakistan was established on the basis of two nations theory. MQM stands by Pakistan. Some people say that Pakistan has threats. When Abraham attacked Mecca, God saved it. Allah will also protect Pakistan. Scholars are architects of Pakistan. It is their responsibility to work for the betterment of society on the basis of religion and world. Minister for religious affairs, Noor Ul Haq Qadri said that we need to solve our disputes. Problems of Muslim community are aggravating. Factors that are responsible for creating troubles need to be rectified. Chairman, Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi said that Hajj is a symbol of unity of Muslims whereas road to Mecca program is a great proof of Pak-Saudi friendship. Hospitality of martyrs of Palestinians is an expression of love with the problem of Palestine.

(Daily Express, Faisalabad, Friday



A rise in a power and authority if Qadiyanis in bureaucracy is a danger to the country- Maulana Shabir Usmani.

Qadiyanis are being promoted in the country under international scheme, which is a deadly poison for the country and nation- an address to convention.

Chiniot (Writer). Maulana Qari Shabbir Ahmad Usmani, Vice President of the International Khatm e Nabuat Movement Pakistan, said while talking to a convention that meeting of a Pakistani Judiciary convict with Donald Trump just before PM's visit to USA is a great threat to country's protection. A rise in a power and authority if Qadiyanis in bureaucracy is not a good sign for the country. Qadiyanis are being promoted in the country under international scheme, which is a deadly poison for the country and nation. Meeting of Abdul Shakkor, a resident of Chiniot, with US president is an enmity with the country. They said that it is the habitt of Qadiyanis to practice propaganda against Pakistan. In the Pakistan Constitution Qadiyanis and Lahori group has been declared non-Muslims and this is the parliament's decision, which was unanimously accepted after a debate. They said that minorities are safe in Pakistan; rather Islam is the forefront protector of minority rights and also the Pakistani laws. Qadiyanis don't accept the Pakistani laws; it is their and every other man's duty to accept Pakistani laws wholeheartedly. They said that who released Abdul Shakkor of Rabwah from the prison, and how did he go to America and meet US president. This should be interrogated on a high level, they further said that Pakistani courts convicted him on selling banned blasphemous books, and he was send abroad so urgently. He plotted propaganda against Pakistani judiciary by meeting US president Donald Trump. This is a rebellion against Pakistan and a treachery against Khatm e Nabuat.

(Daily Nawa e Waqt Lahore, (2) 20th July, 2019)



The conspiracies against Khatm e Nabuwat law is Qadiani agenda, Zeeshan Akhtar
We should fight against the conspiracies of abolishing the laws of Non-Muslim minorities.

Bahawalpur (bureau report) head of Jamaat e Islami Bahawalpur Syed Zeeshan Akhtar and assistant Nasrullah Nasir said that these conspiracies are a Qadiani colonial agenda. We should fight against those who conspire to abolish Qadiani related minority rules. There can be no compromise on Khatm e Nabuwat. Jamaat e Islami and all Pakistanis should make these conspiracies unsuccessful. Those who try to damage Khatm e Nabuwat should not be entitled to any leniency. All religious and political parties are unanimous on Khatm e Nabuwat. They said that removing the articles about Khatm e Nabuwat from the text books of children is shameful act. Khatm e Nabuwat is the basic and most important concept in Islamic faith. The whole Islamic faith is standing upon this belief. This is such a delicate matter that if one is to have an iota of doubt about it; it can ruin his whole faith. More than 100 verses and about 210 Ahadis tell us that Hazrat Mohammad saw were the final prophet of Allah. They said that Qadianis are traitors of Islam and the country. Because of their blasphemous beliefs the elected government unanimously declared them a non-Muslim minority and it is inscribed in the constitution act of 106(2) and 260(3).

(Daily Mashriq (2) 19th July, 2019)



No Muslim will bear any amendment in blasphemy law: Maulana Akram.
Situation will get out of government's control if any leniency is shown to Qadianis.

Sargodha (Reporter Khabrain) Enforcement of law and order is very important in the country. Central Deputy Secretary of International Majlis Khatm e Nabuwat Maulana Akram Toofani said that Pakistan was created in the name of Islam and 3 lac Muslims were martyred in this regard just because they wanted to spend their lives according to the teachings of Allah and His last prophet. This is their sole purpose of life. All those who are trying to flourish the foreign agenda in the country will never be successful. Controversy against the religious leaders must be stopped which is disguised in politics.

(Daily Khabrain Lahore, 18th July, 2019)



Leaders are supporting Qadiyaniat- Maulana AkramToofani.

Khatm e Nabuat belief is the base of faith completion. We will secure it at any cost- a scholar's address in a seminar.

Karachi (Staff Reporter). Under the organization of International Protection Committee of Khatm e Nabuat held a three month Khatm e Nabuat Seminar at Baloch Colony. In which Akram Toofani, central leader of Khatm e Nabuat, said that Khatm e Nabuat belief is the base of faith completion, leaders are playing with the country by supporting Qadiyaniat, and are insisting on burying down the rules. We request the government to take pity over the country and don't push its future in the dark. The dignitaries of Millat e Islamia have historically paid with their lives to get this country. This is why we will never accept a failed discourse overtaking of the Qadiyaniat over this country. Mufti Zubair Haq Nawaz said that protection of Khatm e Nabuat faith is the worship of Muslims. The one who practices politeness or becomes a slave to the enemy of the Prophet (PBUH) gains loss in both the worlds. The present government of Pakistan has started alleviating Qadiyaniat, which is a great danger to the country's peace. Maulana Shoaib Kamal, Maulana Rizwan, Maulana Kaleem Ullah Noman, Mufti Ishaq Mustafa, Mufti Salman Yaaseen and other scholars said that we are ready to sacrifice everything for the Khatm e Nabuat protection and we will protect this mission. We resolve to continue this on the pattern of our leaders. After that Pir Tareqiyat Maulana Hafiz Abdul Qayyum Nomani lead prayer for country's peace, Khatm e Nabuat and the protection of the Khatm e Nabuat supporters.

(Monday, 15th July, 2019, Daily Ummat, Karachi)



Islamabad Bar association has made the Khatm e Nabuwat declaration necessary for membership.

Islamabad (NNI) bar association has made the Khatm e Nabuwat oath compulsory for the membership. Raja Yasir Shakeel general secretary of Bar association sent a notification saying that every new member is supposed to declare his religion in the Khatm e Nabuwat oath on the form. This declaration was needed because anti Islam conspiracies of Qadianies. This declaration would not be applicable upon non-Muslim members of the association.

(Daily 92 news, Faisalabad, Thursday, 1st August, 2019)



The government ought to implement the laws pertaining to Khatm e Nabuwat strictly: Qari Ahmad Ali

Qadianis are the enemies of Islam and Pakistan. They cannot deceive Muslims any further by portraying themselves [as Muslims].

Chenab Nagar (Special Correspondent) The government ought to implement the laws pertaining to Khatm e Nabuwat. Those hired to [malign] Islamic laws will face defeat. Qadianis cannot deceive Muslims any further by portraying themselves [as Muslims]. Qari Ahmad Ali Nadeem-president International Khatm e Nabuwat Movement Punjab- and general secretary Hafiz Gulzar Ahmad Azad expressed these views. They added that since foreign powers have a hidden agenda aligning with Qadianis, therefore, in the name of false persecution the world is being deceived and propaganda is being staged in order to defame the image of Pakistan on international level. Instead of interfering with internal matter of [Pakistan], America and Britain ought to focus on their own countries and root out Islam phobia and look into the rising sentiments against Jews. This conference will serve as a source of unity and to let the world know [the truth] about the creed of Khatm e Nabuwat.

(Daily Nawa i Waqt Lahore, page 5, 28th August, 2019)



Qari Shabeer Ahmad Usmani. The Government should implement the laws of Khatm e Nabuwat. With the help American Oxygen and colonial crutches enemies of Islam will not be able to succeed.

Chenab Nagar (representative Ausaf) The government should implement the laws of Khatm e Nabuwat, colonial agents who try to attack the Islamic laws will be defeated, Qadianis won't be able to deceive Muslims anymore, American oxygen and colonial crutches will not help the enemies of khatm e Nabuwat anymore, on seventh of September International Khatm e Nabuwat Conference Pakistan would be a precursor to love and solidarity and a source of stability to the country, it would have far reaching implications. Indian persecution on Kashmiri people is deplorable and sad; the role of international community is important, these thoughts were expressed by Qari Shabeer Ahmad Usmani second in charge International Khatm e Nabuwat Movement. He further said that it is because some foreign powers have their interests invested with these qadianis that's why they are by showing their false victimization and deceiving the whole world, which is a part of soiling Pakistan's name internationally. America and Britain should focus on increase in their internal Islam phobia and anti-Zionist feelings instead of interfering in internal affairs of other countries. This conference would be an eye opener for the unity of the ummah and for belief in finality of the prophet hood (Khatm e Nabuwat). He expressed his deep sadness and consternation on the issue of Kashmir and said that Muslim rulers should reconsider this attitude of neglect and they should play a significant role in the safeguarding of the Kashmiri Muslims. He shed light on the hypocritic attitude of the UNO and other international organizations and asked them to not to side against them and have some sympathy for them and give them the right of self-determination. He said that qadiani issue is the biggest hurdle in the solution of Kashmir cause.

(Daily Ausaf Lahore, Wednesday, 28th August, 2019)



Qadiani and Lahori Mirzais cannot propagate their religion: Ata ur rehman

Chiniot (District Reporter) Religious and social worker, Hafiz Ata ur Rehman said that due to non-arrest of Qadianis who propagate Qadianiat, Qadianis are becoming confident. FBR is receiving income-tax from the people of all sects except Qadianis that is equivalent to tyranny with the businessmen and businesses of Pakistan. People of other sects demand chairman FBR and Prime Minister to receive income-tax from Qadianis and their institutions so that economy of country could improve and justice could prevail.

(Daily khabrain, Lahore, 28th August, 2019)



7th September a day of historical achievement for parliament; Qadianis were pronounced non Muslims

The movement against Qadianis and Mirzais began; Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto granted permission for the change in the constitution

A large number of individuals supporting the movement were victimized; the issue came to the parliament and Qadianis were declared non Muslims

Islamabad (Sabah News): Today 7th September marks the day of historical achievement for parliament when Qadianis were declared non Muslims. Former Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto granted permission for the amendment in the constitution. According to the national assembly's secretariat records the senate and national assembly granted permission to include the second amendment on 7th September 1974 and declared Qadianis non Muslims. A huge movement was started and a large number of individuals gave their life for the cause especially in Lahore where numerous citizens were victimised. In accordance with the wishes of people and after a long debate, Qadianis were declared non Muslims on 7 September 1974. The president signed the amendment on 17 September hence officially legalizing it. Hence this is a historical day for the parliament and nationwide programs will be held

(Daily Khairil Lahore (5) 7th September, 2019)



Chenab Nagar: 32nd International Khatm e Nabuwat Conference would be held on 7th September.

Maulana Saeed Inayat Ullah would be overseer of the conference, while Abdul Rauf Makki and Dr. Ahmad Ali would be the presidents of the conference.

Chenab Nagar (Special correspondent) 32nd International Khatm e Nabuwat Conference would be held on 7th September. Maulana Saeed Inayat Ullah would be overseer of the conference, while Abdul Rauf Makki and Dr. Ahmad Ali Siraj would be the presidents of the conference they will be coming especially from Makkah. A ten-day Khatm e Nabuwat program would be held and on seventh of September day of Khatm e Nabuwat would be celebrated world-wide, in which seminars and conferences would be held. This was announced by head in charge and Representative Maulana Qari Shabeer Ahmad Usmani of International khatm e Nabuwat movement. According to the spokesperson important religious scholars, ulema, intellectuals, lawyers and journalists etc would be coming to the conference.

(Daily Nawa e Waqt. (2) 4 September 2019)



Yaqoob Naqshbandy: A common holiday should be announced on the day of Khatm e Nabuwat.

Faisalabad (staff reporter) Maulana Pir Yaqoob Naqshbandy in charge of Carvaan Khatm e Nabuwat said that the Holy Prophet saw is the last prophet of Allah the Almighty and who so ever claims to be a prophet after him is an infidel even worse than that he is an enemy of Islam, Qadianiat is the evil of current age which can not be tolerated under any circumstances. According to constitution of Pakistan Qadianis are infidels. To stop them from their activities government of Pakistan should take effective measures. They demanded from the government that in commemoration of declaring them non-Muslim minority 7th of September should be national holiday.

(Daily 92 News, Faisalabad. Wednesday 4 September, 2019)



Hafiz Yasir Qadri: The Government should stop Qadianis' anti Islam activities.

Faisalabad (Staff reporter) Pakistan Sunni Tehrik 97-PP conducted a rally for the protection of Khatm e Nabuwat. City president Hafiz Mohm Yasir Qadri said that Qadiani sect is considered non-Muslims by the whole Muslim ummah. Pakistan Sunni Tehrik will not let the Qadiani conspiracies succeed. The Government should stop Qadianis' anti Islam activities.

(Daily 92 News, Faisalabad, Wednesday 4th September, 2019)



We will fervently sacrifice our lives to safeguard Khatm e Nabuwat: Qari Salman Usmani

7 September will be celebrated as Khatm e Nabuwat Day, public holiday will be announced

Chiniot (District Reporter): We will fervently sacrifice our lives to safeguard Khatm e Nabuwat. 7 September will be celebrated as Khatm e Nabuwat Day and public holiday will be announced. The agents formed [by foreign bodies] to attack Islamic constitution will face defeat and will never prevail. Khatm e Nabuwat Conference being held in Chenab Nagar on 7th September will prove to be a source of peace, stability and love for the Ummah and will have long lasting effects. Persecution of Kashmiris at the hand of Indian government is sad and condemnable. The rest of the world in not effectively playing its role. Pakistan army is our pride and we will fight side by side with them. We will render those who seek to speak against the nation and Islam speechless. These views were expressed before the media in Chenab Nagar by Qari Muhammad Salman Usmani, convener International Khatm e Nabuwat Conference. He said that instead of meddling with external affairs, America and Britain ought to solve their own Islamophobia and rising sentiments against Jews. This conference will prove to be a source of awakening for the whole world and unite the Ummah. Showing his dismay at the persecution in Kashmir, he said that Muslim rulers ought to reflect on their attitude and abstain from neglecting the issue. They must play positive role to safeguard the rights of Kashmiris. Criticizing the dual approach of the United Nations and other world organizations he added that they ought to abandon biased approach towards persecuted Muslims.

(Daily Ausaf Lahore, Sunday, 1st September, 2019)



Chenab Nagar International Khatm e Nabuwat Movement would celebrate a Ten-day Khatm e Nabuwat Conference.

On 7th September Scholars and Ulema, Journalists and Lawyers etc. from all over the country and abroad would grace the conference in Chenab Nagar

Chenab Nagar (correspondent Ausaf) to commemorate the historical occasion of declaring the Qadianis a non-Muslim minority in Parliament unanimously during the reign of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, we are going to celebrate a ten-day Khatm e Nabuwat celebrations. On 7th of September the day would be celebrated with full vigour. This was said by representative and assistant incharge International Khatm e Nabuwat movement Pakistan's central office Jamia Usmania Khatm e nabuwat Chenab Nagar Maulana Qari Shabeer Ahmad Usmani said that the historical verdict of 7th September 1974 in which Qadianis were declared a non-Muslim minority. Under auspices of this ten-day celebrations there would be congregations and rallies nationally and worldwide. The central congregation would be held on 7th of September in Chenab Nagar religious Scholars and Clerics from all over the world would come, in this congregation there would be a lot of important people of Islam. According to the representative the participants of this conference would be from all the parties and school of thoughts in Islam. In this conference some special participants are Dr. Maulana Ahmad Ali Siraj, Maulana Abdul Rauf Makki, Maulana Saad Mehmood Makki, Maulana Ilyas Chinioti, Zahid Mehmood Qasmi, Liaqat Baloch of Jama'at Islami, Dr. Fareed Ahmad Paracha, Chaudhry Shahbaz Ahmad Gujjar of Ulema e Islam F, Maulana Hafiz Tahir Mehmood Ashrafi chairman Ulema Council, Maulana Abdul Rauf Farooqi of Jamiat Ulema s, Maulana Syed Saifullah Farooqi, Abdul Latif Khalid Chheema of Majilis Ahrar e Islam, Allama Tariq Mehmood Yazdaani of Ahl e Hadis, Maulana Ahamd Shoaib Khan of Jamiat Isha'at al-Tauheed, Maulan Mufti Tahir Masood of Wifaq ul Madaris, Ejaz Ahmad Chaudhry of Tehrik e Insaf, Dr. Javed Iqbal of Peoples Party, Maulana Mufti Mohd Tayyab, Maulana Abdullah Qasmi, MAualan Abdlu Karim Nadeem, Maulana Zahid ul Rashidi, Maulana Sadiq ul Amin, Tahir Abdul Razaq, Maulana Fazl ur Raheem Asharafi, Maulana Mujeeb ur Rehman Inqilabi, Maulana Shahid Imran Arfi, Khateeb Badshahi Masjid Maulana Abdul Khabeer Azad and other prominent personalities are going to participate. God willing this historical conference would prove to be beneficial for the solidarity and stability of the country. Prominent scholars from the school of thoughts of Barelvi, Ahl e Hadis and others would preach to the Qadianis who defy the fundamental belief of Khatm e Nabuwat. We appeal to all the Muslims out there to participate in this conference.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore. Sunday, 1st September, 2019)



Khatm e Nabuwat day will be celebrated all over the country on 7th September with great fervor: Shabbir Usmani
Worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat movement and other parties are starting deca of Khatm e Nabuwat from today.

Various rallies will be organized nationwide. Central event will take place at Chenab Nagar on 7th September.

Chiniot (special correspondent) Spokesperson of worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat movement, Shabbir Usmani said in his statement that movement is starting deca of Khatm e Nabuwat from today in order to celebrate historical decision of the government of Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto that declared Lahoris, Qadianis and Mirzais non-Muslims. Various scholars, lawyers and journalists will participate in the main event that will be held in Chenab Nagar on 7th September.

(Daily Pakistan, Lahore, 1st September, 2019)



Qadianis: Traitors of Islam and Pakistan, says Qari Abdul Haq

Faisalabad (Staff Reporter) Leader of Jamiat Ulema Pakistan Qari Abdul Haq has said that Khatm e Nabuwat is the foundation of [Islamic] faith. Qadianis are the traitors of Islam and Pakistan. They were planted by British.

(Daily 92 News, Faisalabad, Sunday, 15th September, 2019)



The belief of Khatm e Nabuwat is the foundation of our faith. We will not let Qadianis become an accomplice: International Majlis Khatm e Nabuwat

Qadianis are the enemies of state and Islam. A person who even has a shred of clemency in his heart for those who deny Khatm e Nabuwat cannot be a Muslim. Maulana Wasaya, Maulana Ismail

The decision parliament made to declare Qadianis a non-Muslim entity cannot be retracted. The government which meddles with the Islamic clauses of the constitution cannot hope to survive.

Maulana Aziz ur Rehman

Lahore (News agency): Maulana Allah Wasaya, member of international Majlis Khatm e Nabuwat and *Shaheen e Khatme Nabuwat (eagle-bearer)*; Nazim Tabligh Maulana Ismail Shujah Abadi, Maulana Aziz ur Rehman Sani, Maulana Abdul Naeem, Maulana Abdul Naeem, Maulana Mehboob ul Hassan Tahir, Pir Rizwan Nafees, Maulana Aleem ud Din Shakir and Maulana Abdul Shakoor Haqqani said that the belief of Khatm e Nabuwat is the foundation of our faith. Qadiani lobby is actively pursuing itself to [make a mark] in the government. The righteous people [of our community] will not let Qadianis become an accomplice. The government ought to refrain itself from pleasing them as well. They are the enemies of state and Islam who were planted by the British. To appease their foreign masters abroad the government is acting to please the Qadianis. Those who even harbour a shred of clemency towards them cannot be termed Muslims. To fend off this sedition is our religious obligation. We will not shy away from sacrificing anything for this cause. These views were expressed by Ulema at the preparation for the Khatm e Nabuwat Conference due to be held in Wahdat Road Lahore. They spoke at various venues including Jami Masjid Makki Raja Bolah, Jamia Haqqania Qainchi, Jami Masjid Noorani, Jami Masjid Abdullah Murgazar Colony Lahore. They further added that Qadianis are working as the agents of the international enemies of Pakistan. They are engaged in conspiracies both against the country and Islam. The decision to declare them a non-Muslim entity in the parliament can never be retracted. We will follow their trails to wherever they would go. Only by safeguarding the belief of Khatm e Nabuwat can this nation and Islam survive. And only through countering the nefarious ploys of Qadianis through legal channels can it assert both [the protection of nation and the religion]. Those who love Islam and this country should unite against their conspiracies and play their respective roles in fighting it. This is both their national and religious obligation. They took a firm pledge from those present that they would partake in the conference due to be held at Wahdat Road Lahore to practically contribute in the matter.

(Daily Din Lahore, page 7, Sunday, 15th September)



Islam's foundation lies on the belief of Khatm e Nabuwat: Maulana Faiz Nazeer

Since the formation of Pakistan Qadianis have been involved in weakening the foundation of the country.

Chiniot (District Reporter) Mubaligh International Majlis Tahafuz e Khatm e Nabuwat and Muhtamim Jamia Faiz ul Uloom Arabia Maulana Faiz Nazeer whilst talking to the media said that the foundation of Islam lies on the belief of Khatm e Nabuwat and the Holy Prophet^{sa} is the last messenger and prophet of Allah the Exalted. After his advent, the door to Prophet Hood has ceased to exist till the Day of Judgment. In answer to one of the questions he replied that no leniency will be shown in respect to the aforementioned teneth. Qadianis have been struggling to destabilize Pakistan since its formation. We will strongly protest if the Khatm e Nabuwat clause is modified. The whole religion depends on it. The Holy Prophet^{sa} is the last messenger and prophet of Allah the Exalted. After his advent, the door to Prophet hood has ceased to exist forever. O.I.C and other religious scholars will have to play their respective roles as well. Qadianis are non-Muslim entity and they have nothing to do with Islam. Qadianis are being made prominent under a guise of a conspiracy. However, those loyal to Khatm e Nabuwat will render these ploys useless.

(Daily Khabrain, Lahore, 14th September, 2019)



Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto will be remembered forever for resolving the issue of khatm e nabuwat : Abdul Ghafoor

He urged existing government to make Qadianis abide by the constitution through reforms.

Chiniot (District Reporter) Ameer of Jamiat Ahl e Hadees, Haji Abdul Ghafoor said in his interview to journalists that the more we pay tribute to Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, the less it is. He resolved an issue of Khatm e Nabuwat which had been existed for the last 90 years. If he had been alive, issue would have resolved completely. Governments that took charge after Bhutto remained in the pressure of British government. Instead of making Qadianis abide by the constitution, they awarded them. As a result, Qadianis caused great loss to Pakistan and Islam. There is still a time for the current government to make Qadianis abide by the constitution and law and to register cases against those who use Islamic symbols so that none of Qadianis or Lahoris could deceive others. As, Qadianis are still deceiving the world by constructing worship places similar to Muslims and using Muslim names such as Muhammad and Ahmad. Neither have they accepted Islam nor their paganism. He urged Qadianis and Lahoris to accept Islam or accept their paganism. He also urged them to get rid of hypocrisy.

(Daily Khabrain, Lahore, 9th September, 2019)



Information committee Khatm e Nabuwat expressed concern over Britain's representative's tour to Saudi Arabia

Lahore (P.R) Information committee Khatm e Nabuwat expressed their concerns over the meeting between Lord Tariq, British Prime Minister's special envoy for freedom of religion and his counterpart Al Sheikh Abdul Lateef. They said that the sentiments of Muslims all around the world were hurt by this. The Saudi government ought to clarify this and seek forgiveness from God and the whole Islamic World. Abdul Lateef Khalid Cheema, convener information committee Khatm e Nabuwat, said that this tour was another plan in the long line of the agendas; under its guise the colonial powers aim to reform the attitude of the Muslim world towards Qadianis and coerce them into changing certain decisions. He stated that as believed by the Muslims around the world - on 6-10 April 1974 at Mecca- the committee arranged a worldwide convention of various Muslim movements. 144 countries from Morocco to Indonesia sent their representatives to partake in the convention which depicted the unified face of the Muslim World. The decision that was reached against Mirzaism was a testimony to the fact that it was a unanimous decision of the Muslim Ummah to declare them non-Muslims. This resolution not only revealed to the Muslims of Pakistan but also to the world the reality of Qadianis. This later became the foundation of the constitution and verdicts in the court.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Monday, 23rd September, 2019)



2020 عقاد یانیت کا سال کہنے والے احمق: عبداللطیف چیمہ

کافر نسوں نے تحریک ختم نبوت کو جلا دینا چاہتی ہے: کنونیر مجلس احرار اسلام

لاہور (جنگل) متحدہ تحریک ختم نبوت رابطہ کمیٹی قرارداد اقلیت والی آئینی ترمیم حذف ہو جائیگی۔ پاکستان کے کنونیر اور مجلس احرار اسلام پاکستان کے انہوں نے کہا کہ انجمنی قادیانی مرزا بشیر الدین محمود سکریٹری جنرل عبداللطیف خالد چیمہ نے کہا ہے۔ نے بھی 1952ء کو قادیانیت کا سال قرار دیا تھا جس پر کہ 2020ء کو قادیانیت کا سال کہنے والے احمقوں کی امیر شریعت سید عطاء اللہ شاہ بخاری نے 1953ء کو دوزخ میں زندگی بسر کر رہے ہیں۔ تجربہ میں ملک بھر میں مسلمانوں کا سال قرار دے کر ایسی ہر گز تحریک چلائی ہوئے والی ختم نبوت کافر نسوں نے تحریک ختم نبوت کو چلا دینا چاہتی ہے اور اس میں تمام مکاتب فکر اور خصوصاً تحفظ ختم نبوت کے مجاز پر کام کرنے والی جماعتیں بھی شامل کے حکمرانوں نے دس ہزار نفوس قدسیہ کو شہید کر کے ہیں انہوں نے کہا کہ کچھ تو میں 2020ء کو قادیانیت کا سمجھا تھا کہ تحریک کرنٹ ہوئی ہے آج بھی لاہور کا مال سال کہہ کر یہ تاثر دینا چاہتی ہیں کہ آئین پاکستان سے روڈ ان شہد ختم نبوت کے خون سے مٹا ہے۔

Those who are calling 2020 a year of Qadianis are fools: Abdul Lateef Cheema
Conferences gave life to Khatm e Nabuwat Movement: Convener Majlis Ahrar

Lahore (Correspondent) Convener Mutahida Tehreek Khatm e Nabuwat and Secretary General Abdul Lateef Khalid Cheema said that those who are calling 2020 a year of Qadianis are fools living in hell. Conferences held in September gave life to Khatm e Nabuwat movement. All religious bodies especially those working for the protection of Khatm e Nabuwat actively participated in the process. He emphasized that certain powers want to call 2020 a year of Qadianis just to imply the abrogation of the clause that declares them a minority. He said that Qadiani Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood also called 1952 a year of Qadianis. At this, *Ameer e Shariat*, Syed Attaullah Shah Bukhari called 1953 a year of Muslims and started such a captivating movement which under the leadership of Maulana Abul Hasnaat Qadri (late) gave the toughest time of their life to Qadianis. The government thought that by martyring 10,000 individuals they had brought down the movement but even today Mall Road Lahore is decorated with their blood and pays tribute to these martyrs of Khatm e Nabuwat.

(Daily Jahan e Pakistan, Lahore, 22nd September, 2019)



Government must ensure to implement the laws of Khatm e Nabuwat. Speakers

Qadianis are the biggest hurdle for the solution of Kashmir issue, Shabbir Usmani, Salman Usmani.

Chenab Nagar (Reporter) all the agents working on the agenda of attacking Islamic laws will be defeated. Qadianis cannot deceive Muslims by adopting various appearances. Despotism of Indian army on Kashmiris is miserable and downhearted. These ideas were expressed by the speakers at a seminar organized at Jamia Usmania Khatm e Nabuwat Chenab Nagar. Maulana Shabbir Ahmad Usmani and Maulana Qari Mohammad Salman Usmani said that the sacred blood of innocent Muslims will be fruitful one day and Kashmir will be free. Maulana Ahsan Rizwan Usmani, Qari Khalid Mehmood, Maulana Hafiz Mohammad Anwar, Qari Abdul Rehman Tabassum and others said that not abolishing the anti Islam and anti Pakistan activities of Qadianis raised a question mark which answer is not given yet rather they are given more leniency.

(Daily Duniya Faisalabad, Tuesday, 24th September, 2019)



Those who who negate Khatm e Nabuwat should stay within the restraints of the constitution. Haji Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani

All over the world Khatm e Nabuwat and Sanctity of the prophethood is an international agenda. The discord of Qadianiat would chase to the corner of the world with full force.

The beloved homeland cannot suffer from chaos, terrorism, discord and destruction. The guided ulem wish peace for the country.

Chiniot (correspondent Pakistan) Haji Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani in charge central Jamiat ahl e Hadis district Chiniot sadi during an interview with media we will not national stability be endangered; those who deny the Finality of the Prophet Hood should accept their constitutional status and behave

Like a peaceful citizen. Khatm e Nabuwat is a national matter no compromise can be done on the matter. All over the world Khatm e Nabuwat and Sanctity of the prophet hood is an international agenda. The discord of Qadianiat would chase to the corner of the world with full force. He further said that safety of Pakistan is part of our faith, no worker of khatm e Nabuwat would hesitate to lay down his life for the country, he said professed that Qadianies are a non-Muslim minority and if there is any attempt to change this status the devotees of Khatm e Nabuwat would not hesitate to Down their lives for the cause.

(Daily Pakistan, Lahore,(3) 23rd, September, 2019)



All Pakistan Khatm e Nabuwat conference will be held on 10th and 11th of October in Chenab Nagar.

Lahore (pr) 38th All Pakistan Khatm e Nabuwat conference of the whole Muslim world will be held on 10th and 11th of October, Thursday and Friday in Muslim colony in Chenab Nagar district Chiniot. Different sittings of two days conference will be presided over by Ameer Dr Abdul Razzaq Sikandar, vice Ameer Peer Nasir ud Din Khakwani, Sahibzada Khwaja Aziz Ahmad whereas people from all walks of life such as religious leaders and scholars, lawyers, traders, students, journalists and others will also address the gathering.

(Daily Nawa I Waqt, Lahore, 29th September, 2019)

قادیانیوں کا ہرمحاذ پر محاسبہ کیا جائے گا، خادم خورشید الازہری

شرعی سرائیں نافذ کی جائیں، چینیوت میں کانفرنس سے قاری عبدالحمد و دیگر علماء کا بھی خطاب

چینیوت (نمائندہ 92 نیوز) بیرونی قوتیں آئین کی اسلامی دفعات میں درپردہ تبدیلی کیلئے دباؤ ڈال رہی ہیں۔ مدارس کے خلاف پروپیگنڈا فوری بند ہونا چاہیے اور شرعی سرائیں فی الفور نافذ کی جائیں جبکہ قادیانیوں کا ہر جگہ پر محاسبہ کیا جائے گا ان خیالات کا اظہار مجلس تاجدار ختم نبوت پاکستان کے سربراہ صاحبزادہ پیر خادم حسین خورشید الازہری نے خطاب کیا۔ اختتام پر احکام پاکستان اسلام کی سر بلندی اور نظام مصطفیٰ کے عملی نفاذ اور نتیجے شیری شہداء اور زلزلہ زدگان میں شہید ہونے والے افراد کے درجات کی بلندی کیلئے خصوصی دعا کرائی گئیں۔



چینیوت: تاجدار ختم نبوت کانفرنس سے ممتاز عالم دین صاحبزادہ پیر خادم حسین خورشید الازہری و دیگر علماء کرام و مشائخ عظام خطاب کرتے ہوئے

Qadianis will be scrutinized at every front: Khadim Khurshid Alzehri Abdul Hameed and others urged to enforce Islamic punishments.

Chiniot (92 News Correspondent) Chairman of Tajdar khatm e Nabuwat movement, Pir Khadim Hussain Khurshid Al Azhri, Qari Abdul Hameed, Pir Imran Abdalwi and others said in their addresses during 7th Annual Tajdar khatm e Nabuwat conference that external forces are creating pressure to amend Islamic sections of the constitution secretly. Propaganda against religious institutions should be ended immediately. Pir Tahir Shah Hamdani presided over the conference whereas Khadim Hussain made a speech. At the end, prayers were held for instability of Pakistan, for implementation of system based upon the teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH) and for high levels in paradise for martyrs of Kashmir and earthquake.

(Daily 92 News Faisalabad, Friday, 27th September, 2019)



All religious bodies want to implement Islam. Propaganda against Madrassas ought to end: Annual *Tajdar e Khatm e Nabuwat* Conference
Foreign bodies are pressurizing [the government] to amend the Islamic clauses in the constitution; implement the punishments prescribed by the Shariah: Pir Khadim Hussain Khursheed
Those who aim to do a lock-down and a sit-in in Islamabad ought to give preference and demonstrate their support for the Kashmir cause.

Chiniot (District Reporter) Foreign bodies are pressurizing [the government] to amend the Islamic clauses in the constitution. We firmly believe in the constitution and for what it stands. All religious bodies want to implement Islam. Propaganda against Madrassas ought to end implement the punishments prescribed by the Shariah. Qadianis are continuously challenging the law and the state. Conversely, the institutions responsible for implementing laws are silent on the matter. We will follow [and unravel any ploys devised by] Qadianis. These views were expressed by the leader of Majlis Tajdar e Khatme Nabuwat Pakistan Sahibzada Pir Khadim Hussain Khursheed al Azhari. Others who partook in the conference were Mumtaz Alam Deen Mufti, Qari Abdul Hameed Chashti, Sahibzada Pir Imran Abdalwi, Maulana Syed Aman ullah Hashmi, Mian Badi uz Zaman Bhatti Advocate, Maulana Muhammad Fazil, Ali Ahmad Fareedi, Sahibzada Abdul Jabbar Gillani, Syed Shafeeq Gilani, Pir Syed Mazhar Shah Sialwi, Sahibzada Syed Raza Shah Hamdani. Numerous other Ulemas participated in 7th Annual Tajdar e Khatme Nabuwat Conference held by Ghulamman Golra Shareef Chiniot. The aforementioned event was presided by Sahibzada Pir Syed Tahir Shah Hamdani. Pir Khadim Hussaid Khursheed al Azhari also stated that it was the struggles of our ancestors Pir Syed Mehr Ali Shah Golrawi, Pir Syed Jamat Ali Shah Alipoori and Maulana Abul Hasanaat Qadri which bore the fruits in the form of the current Pakistan's constitution. Especially in 1974 under the leadership of Prime Minister Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto it was Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani-Quaid Ahle Sunnah- who presented the law before the assembly and had it passed. These struggles will go down in golden words in the history of this country. Other Ulemas added that all religious bodies need to unite in order to render useless all the conspiracies of Qadianis. Those who aim to do a lock-down and a sit-in in Islamabad ought to give preference and demonstrate their support for the Kashmir cause and help those affected by the earthquake. Otherwise, there is a risk the situation in the country will deteriorate. They said that Qadianis have been undermining and hurting Kashmir movement since 1930's. [The current achievement is also owed to] those 10,000 individuals who gave their life in 1963 for Khatme Nabuwat's cause. Jamiat Ulema Pakistan and Jamat Ahl e Sunnah all around the world will continue to pursue [and dismantle] the nefarious plans of Qadianis. The procession ended with the participants being led into prayer for the stability of the country, the rise of Islam, the implementation of Shariah and the elevation of status of Kashmiri martyrs and those who died during the [recent] earthquake.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Friday, 27th September, 2019)



Those found guilty of blasphemy ought to be given capital punishment.

Loyalty to Khatm e Nabuwat is a key to success in the hereafter whereas appeasing Qadianis would only bring shame and disgrace.

Chenab Nagar (Correspondent): Those found guilty of blasphemy ought to be given capital punishment. There is no compromise when it comes to Khatm e Nabuwat. We will sacrifice

ourselves [in order to safeguard it]. These views were shared by Maulana Sahibzada Muhammad Badr Alam Chiniot whilst talking to the media. He said to abide by [teachings] of the Holy Prophet^{sa} is to follow him in essence. His true purpose was to pull the world out from the darkness of idolism and to guide it towards the bright future. The key to success in the hereafter lies in following the Qura'n and Sunnah. We will sacrifice ourselves to protect the sanctity of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Qadianis are the worst kind of heretics and a false faith. Loyalty to Khatm e Nabuwat is a key to success in the hereafter whereas appeasing Qadianis would only bring shame and disgrace.

Daily Pakistan, Lahore, (Page 8) 4th October, 2019



Pakistan is the country that safeguards the progeny of Khatm e Nabuwat and its protectors: Maulana Faiz Nazeer

There is no compromise when it comes to the protection of KhatmeNabuwat laws. Qadianis are the byproduct of British.

Chiniot (Correspondent Pakistan) *Muhtamim* Jamia Faizul Uloom Arabia and International *Mubaligh* Maulana Faiz Nazeer spoke to the media and stated that Pakistan in the country that safeguards the progeny of Khatm e Nabuwat and its protectors. There is no compromise when it comes to the protection of Khatm e Nabuwat laws. He added that Qadianis are the byproduct of British. Even today, they are aided by satanic [forces]. Kashmir issue is also their doing. We will spare no effort and blood in terms of continuing our mission to follow Qadianiat around the world and destroy them in the process. A group of Qadianis defamed Pakistan in their meeting with the American president.

Daily Pakistan, Lahore, (Page 8) 4th October, 2019



Qadianis are enemies of Islam. Law enforcement agencies must stop them: Khatm e Nabuwat conference

Heinous propaganda is being developed against Pakistan at behest of imperial forces. Rulers will have to pay attention.

Indian-held Kashmir will not get independence just with conferences, resolutions and demands. State must announce jihad for it.

Sargodha (Staff reporter) Speakers said in their addresses during Khatm e Nabuwat conference held at Central Ashrafia Goal Chowk mosque that Qadianis are following Indian ideology to support sectarianism. State and state-like environment have established in Chenab Nagar. Qadiani, lord Tariq is developing heinous propaganda against Pakistan in Britain at behest of imperial forces. Compromising or ignoring collective faiths of community is equivalent to committing treason against Islam and country. Investment of Qadianis and foreign enemies are responsible for spreading sectarian violence in the country. Qadianiat is not a sect. It is just a plantation against Islam by imperial forces. Illegal activities of Qadianis in government and private institutions of Pakistan are concern able. Soldiers of Pakistan Army are Mujahids of battle of Hind. Speakers included Ahmad Ali Siraj, Asif Muawiya, Ilyas Chinioti, Qari Ahmad Nadeem, Pir Abdul Waheed, Zahid Qasmi, Shabbir Usmani, Ghias uddin, Mufti Shahid Masood, Hafiz Muhammad Amjad, Abdul Hameed Dogar and others.

(Daily Duniya Faisalabad, Sunday, 20th October, 2019)



Politics and the religion cannot be separated: Ghafur Haidri

Those who do not believe in Khatm e Nabuwat are non Muslims. The constitution of Pakistan also upholds the Islamic traditions.

Where in the constitution does it imply that citizens belonging to faith cannot start a movement against the government determined to destroy the country?

Quetta (news agency): National General Secretary Jamiat e Ulema Islam (f) Maulana Ghafur Haidri has said that Politics and the religion cannot be separated. Those who do not believe in Khatm e Nabuwat are non Muslims. The constitution of Pakistan also upholds the Islamic traditions. It is in accordance with the constitution that on the basis of Khatm e Nabuwat the Prime Minister and the president is elected. He said that this is quite clear as to who accused the opposition of using the religion and amending the blasphemy clause and the incited Tehrik e Labbaik into a revolt and making the country a hostage. He said the government is afraid that they would lose their control. Our workers have been well-trained since 1970s and have been assisting the police in terms of security measures at gatherings and congregations of JUI. They also possess sticks [to defend and

protect]. Why has the government bothered to turn their attention towards this now? Where in the constitution does it imply that citizens belonging to faith cannot protect themselves and start a movement against the government determined to destroy the country?

(Daily Din Lahore, Sunday, 20th October, 2019)



Those who affiliate themselves with Qadianis cannot uphold the true essence of Khatm e Nabuwat

Chenab Nagar: (correspondent) Those who affiliate themselves with Qadianis cannot uphold the true essence of Khatm e Nabuwat. These views were expressed by Ameer International Khatm e Nabuwat movement Pakistan and member of Punjab assembly Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti whilst talking to the media. He said that the meeting of Ansar Raza Qadiani and his team with media speaker Javed Ghamdi in Canada is an issue worth contemplating.

(Daily Duniya Faisalabad, Thursday, 17th October, 2019)



Qadianis can use Kartarpur corridor against the country: Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani

India issues visa to pakistanis to visit specific places only. They cannot travel from one city to another.

Chinioti (District Reporter) Ameer of Jamiat Ahl e Hadees district Chinioti, Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani said in his interview to journalists that granting visa-free access of Pakistan to Sikhs and Qadianis is equivalent to limited enmity with the country. He said it is vital to keep a close eye on Qadianis so that they could not get the benefit out of Kartarpur corridor.

(Daily Khabrain Lahore, 31st, October, 2019)



Qadianis can utilize Kirtarpur border against Pakistan: Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani

Chiniot (correspondent Pakistan): Abdul Ghafoor Rehmani has said to the press that Qadianis can utilize Kirtarpur border against Pakistan. To allow Sikhs and Qadianis without visa is similar to demonstrating enmity towards Pakistan on a limited scale. He said that this needs to be kept in checked that Qadianis do not use this for their own benefit and in the process pursue their hidden agenda. India only grants Pakistan access to limited cities and we cannot travel from one city to another in such a case. To grant Sikhs and Qadianis access without visa is thus akin to demonstrating enmity towards Pakistan albeit on a limited scale. To say that this is only being opened for Sikhs is a deceptive approach. Imran khan ought to clear his stance on this just as Tayyab Urdgan and Mahateer Muhammad has done so.

(Daily Pakistan, Lahore, 31st October, 2019)



Khatm e Nabuwat and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) are the decisive factors between Ahmadis and Muslims: Professor Hafiz Naseer

Observance of teachings of Islam is the most important need of time. Every believer will have to pay his part for it: Principal of Punjab Group Shahab Pura

We will have to keep alive Sunna of Holy Prophet (PBUH) because Ahmadiyyat has turned into the biggest evil of modern age.

SIALKOT (Bureau Report) Professor Hafiz Naseer said in his address during annual Milad ceremony held ward 6 of Cantt that arrival of Holy Prophet (PBUH) in this universe is the blessing for mankind because oppression was ended up with the emergence of Master of entire universe (PBUH). Holy personality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the beacon for humanity. Candle of peace can be lit in the society with the promotion of His (PBUH) teachings. Events of darood and Salam are the best ways to celebrate festival of arrival of Holy Prophet (PBUH).

(Daily Din Lahore, Wednesday, 6th November, 2019)



Khatm e Nabuwat Conference: The rulers and politicians gave the Qadiani seditions the means to prosper

The aforementioned faith serves as the jugular vein of the Muslim Ummah; hundreds and thousands gave their lives for this cause.

This nation has been toyed with to appease the foreign powers and in the process they have damaged the Islamic views.

Chiniot (District reporter, correspondent Ausaf): A two-day Khatm e Nabuwat Conference has commenced yesterday arranged by Majlis e Ahrar Pakistan and Tehreek Tahafuz Khatm e Nabuwat under the supervision of Ahrari leader Syed Ata ul Muhaimin Bukhari at Jami Masjid Chanab Nagar. The speakers who were to speak first expressed their views by stating that the tenet of Khatm e Nabuwat serves as a jugular vein for the Muslim Ummah. Hundreds and thousands have given their life to safeguard it since the war of Yamama till the 1953 Khatm e Nabuwat movement. And this process continues to this day as well and will continue till the Day of Judgment. In it, resides the secret to everlasting life. Ulemas and religious scholars added that the failure to implement Islamic values has created a rift in establishing a [stable] nation. This goes against the views of the founder of Pakistan. This nation has been toyed with to appease the foreign powers and the extreme hostile political conditions have damaged the economy, the Islamic values and dignity of the country. The rulers and politicians gave the Qadiani seditions the means to prosper and Rabwah has been properly promoted to deny the notion of Jihad. However, Jihad will continue till the Judgment Day. Deputy Ameer Majlis Ahrar Syed Muhammad Kafeel Bukhari said that paying no heed to the demands of Azadi March would only create chaos which would benefit both the Qadianis and our others enemies. He said that the souls of those martyred for the cause of Khatm e Nabuwat demands of us to rise for the establishment of an Islamic Institution. He added that to stop things affiliated with Rabwah brand ought to be our mission and a part of our faith. We are ready to sacrifice our lives and wealth for this cause. Secretary General Majlis Ahrar Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema said that the community of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani is a group of heretics and international terrorists which is using the name of Islam to deceive the world. He said that those institutions which are responsible for implementing laws are not following up on the laws designed to protect the sanctity of the Holy Prophetsa which is creating discord. Mufti Ata ur Rehman Qureishi, Maulana Tanvir Ahsan Ahrar, Maulana Muhammad Mugheera, Maulana Muhammad

Sarfraz Muawiyah, Maulana Waqas Haider, Mian Muammad Awais, Mufti Muhammad Saad Rizvi, Hakeen Hafiz Muhammad Qasim, Hafiz Muhammad Tayyab and many other leaders partook in the conference. After Maghrib Prayers the orator of the Jami Masjid Ahrar Muhammad Mugheera held a question and answer session. He said that Qadianiat and Islam have no connection whatsoever. He said that this seditious sect is of the view that a prophet in the person of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad Qadiani has come even after the arrival of the Holy Prophetsa and made many claims to support this view. 1200 companions of the Holy Prophetsa and the ancestors of Ahrar gave their life for this cause and to put an end to this sedition. Groups from Karachi and even Peshawar have been reaching Rabwah to participate in this conference and the atmosphere of the city is being filled with the slogans of Khatm e Nabuwat. Ahrar, dressed in red, has made strict arrangements for the security. Conference will continue today (Sunday) as well. Quran lecture will be held after Fajr prayers. At 9:00 the glorious flag hoisting ceremony will be held. From 10 to 2 in the afternoon, Ulemas, journalists Ahrar leaders, lawyers. Intellectuals and other religious leaders will speak to the participants of the conference. After Zuhr, the loyal sons and warriors of Islam and Khatm e Nabuwat and followers of Ahrar, clad in red dress, will begin the rally. The first stop will be at Aqsa Chowk whereas they will move on to Aiwane Mahmood the Qadiani Center. There the religious scholars and leaders will spread invitation to them to enter the folds of Islam.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Sunday, 10th November, 2019)



Navjot Singh Sidhu became the spokesperson of Qadianis under the cover of Kartarpur corridor. He highly praised by saying that people here love every one and wants to remove hatred. We must bow down for all those who preach the teachings of brotherhood. I can feel a special smell of love even from the soil.

Lahore (Channel report) Indian cricketer cum politician Navjot Singh Sidhu became the spokesperson of Qadianis under the cover of Kartarpur corridor. He delivered a speech in Qadian in which he highly praised Qadianis and Mirza Ghulam Ahmad. Qadian is in India. This birth place of Mirza Ghulam Ahmad is situated 60 km away in the east of Kartarpur. He declared Qadianis as a bunch of Roses. Qadianis are considered Muslims in India. He further said that the teachings of Qadianiyat have spread in the whole world. He said that Baba Nanak defined religion as he said that it is better to bow down before everyone who speaks about love.

(Daily Khabrain Lahore, 13th November, 2019)



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Majlis Ahrar Islam organized an important meeting yesterday at the old Jami Mosque Ahrar in Chenab Nagar chaired by national deputy Ameer Syed Muhammad Kafeel Bukhari. National Secretary General Abdul Lateef Khalid Cheema, Maulana Muhammad Mugeera, Mian Muhammad Awais, Syed Attaullah Shah Salis, Maulana Tanvir ul Hassan Ahrar, Doctor Muhammad Aasif, Maulana Mahmood ul Hassan, Haji Abdul Kareem Qamar, Muhammad Talha Bashir, Hafiz Muhammad Saleem Shah, Ali Asgar, Maulana Muhammad Sarfraz Chinioti, Muhammad Tayyab Chinioti, Abdul Majeed Zaman, Muhammad Mohsin Khan Sial and Muhammad Ismail partook in the event. A committee was formed supervised by Hafiz Muhammad Ziaullah Hashmi which will finalize all the details pertaining to the aforementioned event. Political and religious leaders will address [at the conference]. Syed Kafeel Bukhari said that Qadianis have ambushed and gathered around Imran Khan and in such a situation it is impossible for him to work on his agenda. Abdul Lateef Cheema said that Prime Minister's speech at the UN was a delight however the ground realities speak otherwise. He said that both on national and international level Qadianis have hastened their activities and conspires. To deal with them both high ends political leaders and government ought to act on it.

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Jalal Pur Jattan, citizens were angered due to the construction of Ahmadiyya worship place.

Religious sects announced to stop the construction with the power. Issue of law and order is on cards.

Jalalpur Jattan (Correspondent) in his application to deputy commissioner Gujrat, Arshad apprised DC that he wants to extend worship place. He started construction after the application. When local residents came to know about the incident, they contacted local police to stop the construction. Police stopped the construction. Religious sects get angered after the report went viral on social media. Local resident, Adnan submitted affidavit to police in which he took a stance that there was never any Ahmadiyya worship place at this vicinity. Applicant took a stance in his application to DC that there has been a worship place at this place since long and now he wants to extend it. Delegation of Labbaik movement led by Muhammad Shehzad Raza met DC and informed him about sensitivity of issue. Representative of Ahl e Sunnat Jamaat, Abdul Rehman told that construction of Ahmadiyya worship place is a conspiracy.

(Daily Ausaf, Lahore, Wednesday, 13th November, 2019)



Sidhus' are Sikhs not Muslims. According to him Hindus, Christians and Jews are alike. Allama Ameen Shheedi.

Lahore (Monitoring desk) Religious scholar Allama Ameen Shaheedi said in his talk to channel five that Navjot Singh Sidhu is a Sikh not a Muslim so in his perspective Muslims, Hindus and Jews are all the same. Whoever he meets can meet in a friendly manner. We cannot expect him to speak ill of Qadianis, who are enemies of Muslims. Qadianis are non-Muslims according to Muslims that is why we treat them this way; it does not mean that we can treat infidels in a bad way. We hate Hindus but it does not mean that we can expect Sikhs to hate Hindus as well, this is not the way. In a mutual world of 7 billion it is needed to lead a peaceful life that we should give everyone the right to live according to their religion and beliefs and this right should not violate anyone else's right to live. Today in a lot of Arab countries Jews are living like kings and there are love affairs. We would not say that this act is showing their duplicitousness. In an international world policies are made on your gain and ideology. If Navjot is coming to Pakistan and thanking us we should also thank him. Sikhs have their own policies; we cannot imagine ourselves in place of Sikhs. Saying that he is duplicitous on Navjots' praise of Qadian is an emotional and childish reaction.

(Daily Khaabrain Lahore (7), 13th November, 2019).



**A two-day 42nd Khatme Nabuwat Conference held at Chanab Nagar ends.
Prayed for the stability of the nation, freedom of Kashmir and success of Islam.**

Chiniot (District Reporter): A two-day 42nd Khatme Nabuwat Conference held at the ancient Chanab Nagar Jami Masjid organized by Majlis Ahrar Islam and Tehreek e Tahafuz e Khatme Nabuwat under the supervision of the Ahrar leader Syed Atta ul Muhaimin Bukhari has come to the end with the prayers for the stability of the nation, freedom of Kashmir and success of Islam. The last session was presided over by Naib Ameer (vice president) of international Majlis Tahafuz e Khatm e Nabuwat Ameer Hafiz Muhammad Nasir ud Din Khan Khakwani and included Naib Ameer Professor Khalid Shabir Ahmad, Syed Muhammad Kafeel Bukhari, leaders of Tehreek e Khatm e Nabuwat Abdul Latif Khalid Cheema, Maulana Muhammad Ismail Shuja Abadi, Syed Atta ullah Shah Salis Bukhari, Ameer International Khatme Nabuwat Movement Pakistan Qari Shabeer Ahmad Usmani, Maulana Muhammad Mugheera, leaders of Jamiat Ulema Islam Karachi Mufti Haroon Matiullah, Doctor Shahid Mahmood Kashmiri, Maulana Tanvirul Hassan Ahrar, Maulana Faisal Mateen Sargana, Qari Ziaullah Hashmi, Saifullah Khalid, Anees ur Rehman, Maulana Tahir Saleem, Allah Dita Mujahid, Tahir Bilal Chashti, Hafiz Muhammad Ahsan Danish, Hafiz Muhammad Tayyab, Maulana Muhammad Akmal, Mian Muhammad Awais, Qari Muhammad Yusuf Ahrar, Mmuhammad Qasim, Hafiz Muhammad Maqsood Kashmiri, Maulana Muhammad Faraz, Maulana Ateeq ur Rehman Alvi, Maulana Mufti Syed Saad Rizvi, Amir Shehzad, Maulana Muhammad Sarfraz Chinioti, Maulana Waqas Haider and numerous other leaders and preachers. At the end of the conference hundreds and thousands partook in the peaceful rally. Ameer Majlis Ahrar Islam Pakistan Syed Attaul Muhaimin Bukhari, despite being seriously ill, partook in the conference by laying down in the ambulance and continuously praying. Hafiz Muhammad Nasir Khan Khakwani said that The Holy Prophet^{sa} was an unlettered prophet who was vouchsafed with divine guidance for the Ummah and won over the unique title of Khatam unNabiyeen. This ummah is the protector of this divine revelation [and guidance]. Professor Khalid Bashir Ahmad, Maulana Muhammad Mugheera, Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Chinioti, Saifullah Khalid, Athar Rehman and numerous others also shared their views.

(Daily Express, Faisalabad, Tuesday, 12th November 2019)





Decision of organizing Khatm e Nabuwat conferences, courses and educational sittings was made during a meeting of coordinating committee of worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat.

We cannot tolerate campaigns against 295 c law of blasphemy: Qari Jameel

Lahore (Special correspondent) Meeting of the coordinating committee of worldwide Khatm e Nabuwat movement was attended by various members including Aziz ur Rehman Sani, Abdul Naeem, Rizwan Nafees, Aleem ud din Shakir, Obaid ur Rehman Muawiya, Saeed Waqar, Zubair Jameel, Habib Jameel, Umair Jameel, Abdulla Nafees and others. Participants expressed their concerns over the campaigns against law of blasphemy under the cover of reviving students union.

(Daily Mashriq, 5th December, 2019)



United India is the religious belief of Qadianis, Haji Abdul Ghafoor

We need to keep a close watch not only on their religious but also socio-political activities.

Chiniot (Correspondent Pakistan) Markazi Ameer Jamiat Ahl e Hadith district Chiniot said before the media that United India is the religious belief of Qadianis. We need to keep a close watch not only on their religious but also socio-political activities. Haji Abdul Ghafoor further added that the belief of Khatme Nabuwat also guarantees a united Ummah and the history bears witness that the Ummah has always been united when safeguarding and protecting the sanctity of the aforementioned tenet. They had not shied away from sacrificing their lives and wealth for this cause. Islam is the religion of peace, love and tranquility. Today, the fall of the Ummah is owed to the fact that they have discarded the teachings of Islam and forgo the example of the Holy Prophet(sa). The world can truly know peace only when the justice and the rights of people are accorded to them. Islam calls for the implementation of justice and according rights to the people.

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UNITED NATIONS



Article 2

Everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms set forth in this Declaration, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Furthermore, no distinction shall be made on the basis of the political, jurisdictional or international status of the country or territory to which a person belongs, whether it be independent, trust, non-self-governing or under any other limitation of sovereignty.

Article 18

Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance.



PAKISTAN



Article 20

Freedom to profess religion and to manage religious institutions. — Subject to law, public order and morality-

- (a) every citizen shall have the right to profess, practise and propagate his religion; and
- (b) every religious denomination and every sect thereof shall have the right to establish, maintain and manage its religious institutions.

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